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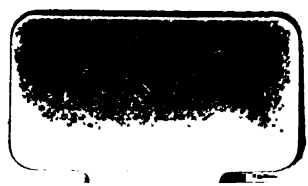

MY CONTEMPORARIES

OF THE

NINETEENTH CENTURY.

Brief Memorials

OF MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED
MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS
WHO HAVE LIVED, LABOURED, AND
ENTERED INTO REST,

From A.D. 1800 to 1869.

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"Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?" Zech. i. 5.

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INTRODUCTION.

THESE humble memorials were originally designed by the writer for his own reference, and inserted in his note-book, in grateful remembrance of those honoured men, at whose feet he has sat and heard the words of peace flow from their fervent lips, many of whom were his own more intimate brethren and fellow-labourers in the gospel. As these multiplied from time to time, it was thought it might be useful and interesting to many of our church members, and Christian people generally, if the records of other ministers were added. For this purpose, every notice of a minister's decease the writer met with, from whatever source, was freely laid under contribution, only limiting the subject to the *present* century.

It is hoped the reader will not be disappointed at the studied brevity observed in this compilation, nor with the omission of so many honoured names. The writer's aim was to condense into as small a compass as possible those memorials which he judged best calculated to interest and instruct, and to place the book within reach of many who cannot afford a more costly volume.

In this compilation will be seen many a bold Boanerges, with the sympathising sons of consolation—those who have sounded jubilant notes of salvation with the silver trumpet; and others, no less effective, who have in their day blown the ram's horn to the melody of free-grace. Christ and His cross was all their theme. Whether they came from the seats of learning, the plough, or the workshop, ministering in episcopal orders, or among the less exalted ranks of non-conformity, "These men *were* the servants of the most High God,"—the valiant of our British Israel, who were expert in the Holy War. But their warfare is accomplished, the victory won. Having fought the good fight, finished their course, and kept the faith, they now rest from their labours, and have entered into the joy of their Lord.

The writer has availed himself of every opportunity afforded of introducing the reader into the dying chamber, to catch the last sentences that fell from quivering lips, and witness that "*These all died in faith.*"

And now, feeling the usual infirmities of age approaching, and after a service of forty years in the Lord's vineyard, he may be permitted to say to his honoured brethren in the ministry, "Let us see that we are pure from the blood of souls, nor cease to declare all the counsel of God —separating the precious from the vile, 'for what is the chaff to the wheat?' saith the Lord. Soon the Master shall appear; even now we hear Him saying, 'Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.' 'Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.'"

"Stand up! stand up for Jesus! the strife will not be long,
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be,
He with the King of Glory shall reign eternally."

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MY CONTEMPORARIES

OF

THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

ABBOTT, ROBERT,

WAS the humble pastor of the Baptist church at Raunds, Northamptonshire, and formerly of Richmond, Surrey. He seems to have been a great reader, very studious, and an incessant writer of hymns—some of which were printed, and hundreds he left behind never saw light. The circumstances attending this good man's death were very solemn. He had been invited to preach for a month at Hastings, Sussex—after supplying the pulpit there the first Lord's Day, and administering the Lord's Supper, he retired to rest. It is supposed he had *but partially* turned off the gas burning in his room, and inhaling the escaping vapour, was suffocated in his sleep, in the 60th year of his age, on the 6th September, 1859. He lived a life of faith on the Son of God, and died in union with him. His remains were buried at Hastings, devout men carrying him to the grave.

ABDY, W. JARVIS, A.M.

THIS excellent clergyman was formerly curate in the parish of Staines, Middlesex, and for more than forty years the faithful minister of St. John's Church, Horsleydown, Southwark. The friend of the poor—the adviser of the distressed, and tender-hearted visitor of the sick and dying. He departed this life deeply lamented by many to whom his ministry had been made the power of God to their salvation, April 16, 1823, aged 68 years.

"Whose faith follow, considering the end of *his* conversation, *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.*"

ABRAHAMS, GEORGE,

A WELL-KNOWN minister of Christ's gospel, was by birth a Polish Jew. But in after years, when in England, this lost sheep of the House of Israel was sought out and saved by the Good Shepherd, who soon afterwards called him to the work of the ministry. For thirty-five years he was the esteemed and beloved pastor of the church meeting in Regent Street Chapel, City Road, London. He had laboured in the vineyard altogether about forty years, and during that period many, by his instrumentality, had been called from darkness to light. He peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on the 20th November, 1867, in his 67th year. His remains rest in the cemetery, Abney Park. Mr.

R. Luckin, of Clerkenwell, officiating, remarked that his brother Abrahams "was a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, and a sweet expounder of his word."

ALDERSON, WILLIAM,

FOR many years maintained the honourable position of pastor over the Baptist church meeting in Ornan Chapel, Long Lane, Bermondsey, London. He was an ardent admirer of John Stevens's ministry, which, under God, was the means of bringing him to a saving knowledge of the truth, and of establishing his mind in the great doctrines of the gospel. He preached Christ, and Him crucified, and pointed Him out to sinners as the only refuge from the wrath to come. He finished his labours and entered his heavenly rest in the month of February, 1853. His mortal remains were deposited in Nunhead Cemetery. His son, William Alderson, the esteemed pastor of the Baptist church, East Lane, Walworth, and several other ministers, conducted the mournful service.

ALLEN, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the gospel, Stepney, was born at Birmingham, 1788. He was the third of *twenty-two* children born to his parents. As he grew up he indulged in most of the follies and dissipations

of youth, and went from bad to worse, "loving darkness rather than light." Until one sabbath-day being, with some of his companions, overtaken in a dreadful storm of thunder and lightning, his soul became exceedingly alarmed lest he should be struck dead in his sins. For a long season he wept and groaned out his anguish in secret before God, until his happy deliverance under a sermon by Mr. Bennet from the words, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." When in after days he began to preach the gospel to others, his ministry was signally blessed to many. For nearly forty years he was a faithful servant of the most High God, living, loving, and walking in the truth he proclaimed, and maintained an honourable position to the last. He had previously laboured at Cambridge for many years, and for twenty years was pastor of the Baptist church meeting at Cave Adullam Chapel, Stepney, where he ended his useful career in peace and hope of eternal life, August 16, 1854, in the 67th year of his age.

ALLEN, R. P., OF EXETER.

THIS excellent minister of the gospel was many years the beloved pastor of a Christian church in Exeter, and for more than twenty years one of the favourite annual supplies at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Chapels, London. At length

declining age and infirmities compelled him to relinquish the stated duties of his ministry, and he retired to the scene of his nativity with the hope of there being gathered to his fathers in peace. He was anticipating a speedy dismissal to the world of spirits. In this he was not mistaken—early on the evening of the 17th of December he retired to rest, and on the sabbath morning following he received his summons by a stroke of apoplexy, and about noon his unfettered spirit burst its shattered prison, and ascended to the realms of light, "where sabbaths never end," December 18, 1825.

ANDREWS, EDWARD, LL.D.,

OF Walworth, Surrey. This eminent minister of the Lord Jesus Christ was born at Coggeshall, in Essex. He was the popular minister of Beresford Chapel, Walworth, where for twenty-two years he laboured in word and doctrine. His eloquence and commanding abilities obtained for him a wide reputation as an excellent Puritan divine of the old school. It may be said, without disparagement to others, that Dr. Andrews stood a head and shoulders above many of his brethren. His engagements at ordinations, opening of chapels, anniversaries, and other public occasions, were very frequent, and drew crowds who listened with wrapt attention to the glorious truths he so eloquently proclaimed. His useful career was,

however, suddenly arrested. He had retired to bed in perfect health, and with an unusual flow of spirits. *But at midnight the bridegroom came!* Seized with spasmodic affection, he was heard to say to his wife, "My dear, *what a blessed thing it is to know the Lord!*" and his redeemed spirit was absent from the body, and for ever present with the Lord, 19th of October, 1841, aged 55 years.

ARNSBY, GEORGE,

NINETEEN years the beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Shrewsbury, which he served faithfully and affectionately until death. He was a well-known and acceptable minister in the churches for more than forty years, and though long and sharply tried, found His Blessed Master's grace all-sufficient to sustain him. He lived as one who felt Jehovah was his refuge and strength, and very present help in trouble. His last illness was short and severe, but his faith, though sorely tried, never wavered, and maintained its firm grasp to the end. The pressure of sorrow was too great for his frame, and ultimately he sunk under its weight, to rise to that blissful immortality and endless joy,

> "Where not a wave of trouble rolls
> Across the peaceful breast,"

November 14, 1861, aged 62 years.

ASHFORD, JOSEPH,

OF London. For nearly forty years he diligently and faithfully preached the gospel of Christ. During his whole ministry "Christ and His Cross" was his only theme, and in his departing moments he enjoyed peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died 25th January, 1853, aged 63 years.

ASTEN, HENRY,

BORN 15th October, 1785. He was brought to know himself as a sinner under the ministry of the venerable Dan Taylor, and was baptised in 1816. About the year 1820 he became pastor over the Baptist church, Burnley, where he laboured with fidelity and success twenty years. For many years after Mr. Asten was much engaged in preaching in various places. In 1851 he took the oversight of the church at Clayton, and in 1859 resigned it through age and infirmities, till, on the 17th March, 1867, he departed this mortal life full of years and full of faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ATKINSON, CHARLES.

THIS good man was for twenty-eight years the valuable and useful pastor of the Congregational church, Ipswich, in Suffolk. The Master called him to cease from his labours, and he entered into the joy of his Lord, January 13, 1830.

AUSTIN, ABRAHAM,

UPWARDS of thirty years the respected and valuable pastor of the Particular Baptist church at Elim Chapel, Fetter Lane, London. He was born at Sutton Colefield, Warwickshire, December 25, 1749, was impressed with the importance of religion when about eight years old, and was brought savingly to know the truth by the reading of Hervey's "Theron and Aspasio." He began to preach the gospel as early as 1770, when many precious seals were given him for his encouragement. In the year 1785 he was removed to London, where he laboured with increasing success and acceptance until his last painful affliction terminated his long and useful ministry. His last words were, "Christ is my only hope." "The gospel bears my spirit up!" and soon after closed his eyes, and entered on his glorious inheritance, July 5, 1816, in the 67th year of his age.

BALL, JOHN,

A GOOD minister of the sanctuary, and many years the beloved pastor of the Independent church in Jewry Street Chapel, London. After a laborious and useful life, in which he was made a blessing to many, he was called to receive his crown, April 3, 1811, in the 43rd year of his age.

BALL, WILLIAM,

WAS for many years, and to the end of his life, the faithful and beloved Pastor of the original Baptist church, Wandsworth, Surrey. He was a man holy in life, sound in doctrine, and of sweet spiritual experience; his end was perfect peace, and his memory is most precious. He fell asleep in Jesus November 25th, 1864, aged 73 years.

BARBER, JOSEPH,

PASTOR of the church of Christ meeting at Aldermanbury Postern, London, and where, for the long period of sixty-four years, he faithfully served God in the gospel of His Son, and by a course of active benevolence—the effect of precious faith—secured in an eminent degree the confidence of his own beloved flock and the respect of all who enjoyed his friendship. He was born on the 3rd February, 1727, and died peacefully in Jesus on the 14th February, 1810, aged 83.

BARNES, ROBERT,

MINISTER of the gospel, Glemsford, Suffolk, was born in the year 1804: born again of the Spirit into the kingdom of God's dear Son in early life, under the ministry of Mr. Bull, of Stowmarket. At the age of twenty-two he was baptised and received into the fellowship of the church in

that town, under the pastorate of Mr. Gooch. It was not long, however, before it was seen the "Lord had need of him" for the work of the ministry, and a door was opened unto him at Bardwell, where he continued for three years, preaching the kingdom of God, to the comfort and edification of many. In 1831 he was publicly ordained over the church of Christ in Glemsford, where for twenty-eight years he was the esteemed and beloved pastor, and where, after the most unwearied and indefatigable labours, he ended his useful course. From the time of his commencing the pastorate in Glemsford, to the close, he could not have preached less than *nine or ten thousand sermons.* At length the earthly tabernacle gave way, "the keepers of the house trembled, the grinding was low, the silver cord loosed, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern, the windows of the house were darkened, and the mourners went about the streets," because the servant of the Lord was gone to his long home. He was absent from the body and present with the Lord on the 30th of June, 1858, aged 54.

BATTY, JAMES.

DENT, in Yorkshire, was his birth-place, and only home on earth. It was formerly a most deplorably dark place. George Whitfield, of glorious memory, once conveyed the light of life there,

and the lamp of truth kindled by him has never been extinguished. A chapel was erected on the spot where he preached, and here the few "who sighed and cried for the abominations done in the land" were wont to meet. For about nine years a Mr. Kelsall ministered to them, and afterwards Mr. Batty was called to labour among them, where he continued to preach the Word of Life to the end of his days. He was a man of humble pretensions, and no scholarship, yet there was a warm earnest faithful exhibition of gospel truth which was the power of God to the salvation of many. That gospel he preached to others sustained him in his declining years, and cheered his failing spirit. He was born at Dent, A.D. 1779, and there calmly fell asleep in Jesus on the 7th April, 1856, in the 77th year of his age and 36th of his ministry. At his dying request the following lines are inscribed on his gravestone :—

"Here lies entombed beneath this marble stone
A sinner saved by grace—through faith alone."

BEAUFOY, SAMUEL,

OF Town-Sutton, Kent, was born in Warwickshire. For many years he was a minister in the Countess of Huntingdon's chapels, and for the last eighteen years of his useful life, pastor of the church of Christ at Town-Sutton. He died in the Lord, March 23rd, 1823, aged 74. Mr. Beau-

foy was the author of a valuable book called "A Treatise on Faith."

BEEMAN, ISAAC,

OF Cranbrook, Kent. This much respected minister of the gospel, and the intimate friend of William Huntington, exercised his ministry for the space of twenty years in his own chapel, at Cranbrook, and occasionally at Providence Chapel, London, and elsewhere. During a long affliction, many precious things dropped from his lips, indicating his hope was built on the Rock of Ages, and that he was in the enjoyment of "Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." His labours closed on the 17th of August, 1838, in the 73rd year of his age.

BENNETT, JAMES, D.D.,

OF London. This well-known Nonconformist minister and writer was born in London, on the 22nd of May, 1774. Called by grace at the age of nineteen, he became an eminent minister of the congregational churches, first of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and afterwards, to the close of life, the beloved pastor of the church at Falcon Street Chapel, Falcon Square, London. After sixty-five years of public service, he finished his course, and died in the Lord, full of days, on the 4th of December, 1862, in the 88th year of his age.

BETTS, HENRY,

Born in the year 1796, near Mildenhall, in the county of Suffolk. He commenced preaching the gospel of the grace of God about 1830, and became pastor of the church formed in one of the darkest corners of the city of Norwich, the members being principally the fruits of his labours there. He afterwards accepted the pastoral oversight of the Baptist church at Great Yarmouth, where he continued to labour with varying success to the end of his days. His departure was sudden. On Lord's Day, April 20th, he preached from the text "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." It was his *last* sermon! That same week, 25th of April, 1851, "*he was not, for God took him!*"

BIDDER, WILLIAM,

SOME years pastor of the Baptist church in Jamaica Row, Bermondsey, afterwards of Waterloo Road, and subsequently minister of the church and congregation at Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, where he laboured in the gospel vineyard till the Master called him to his reward. He was an able and faithful minister of the gospel of the grace of God, and was much beloved by his people. His last affliction was heavy, but he bore it with Christian fortitude and resignation. The everlasting covenant ordered in all things

and sure, cheered and sustained him when heart and flesh failed. He departed this mortal life to dwell in immortal glory on the 13th of October, 1861.

BIRD, JOHN.

THIS servant of Jesus Christ was pastor of the Baptist church, Hammersmith, Middlesex, formerly of Ampthill, in Beds. The Master called him away from labour to everlasting rest on the 27th of January, 1848, at the early age of 43.

BIRT, ISAIAH,

WAS born at Coleford, Gloucestershire, September 6th, 1758. His father was pastor of the church at King Stanley. He was called by divine grace under the ministry of Mr. Burn, of St. Mary's Church, Birmingham, and united with a Baptist church soon after. In 1779 he entered Bristol College, where he had for his associates Hall, Dore, Langdon, and others, who became pillars and ornaments in the church. Mr. Birt's first ministerial engagement was at Plymouth; during his labours there his ministry was blessed to the conversion of Samuel Pearce—a name embalmed in the affections of the church. In 1815 he removed to Cannon Street, Birmingham. He laboured here with much comfort and success until 1827. For about a year after this he ·hed the Lord's Day Evening Lecture at Dr.

Cox's Chapel, Hackney. During the closing period of life, grace shone in him resplendently. "At evening time it was light," and he entered into rest on the 1st of November, 1837, in the 81st year of his age.

BLACKBURN, JOHN,

WAS a native of London, and born in 1792. Residing with his parents in the Minories, he attended with them at Jewry Street Chapel, and became a Sunday-school teacher there. His first ministration was at Finchingfield, Essex, where for ten years he laboured as the devoted pastor of the church. But in 1823 his feet were directed to London, where the newly-formed church meeting in Claremont Chapel, Pentonville, elected him to the pastorate over them in the Lord. From this sphere of labour he did not depart until his dying day—more than thirty years of his life were spent here. His active zealous spirit took a lively interest in every good work. When it pleased the Master to lay him aside, his mind was kept in perfect peace, and he died reposing his hopes on that only sure foundation he had for forty years preached to others, 17th of June, 1855, aged 64.

BLAKE, THOMAS JAGO.

THIS devoted and faithful servant of Jesus Christ was born on the 27th of March, 1798. He

laboured in the gospel vineyard for thirty-one years at Cheltenham and other parts of the United Kingdom, and subsequently was ordained pastor over the church of Christ assembling in the old Baptist Chapel, Guildford, Surrey, where for fourteen years, and to the end of his valuable life, he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, delighting to magnify the Name and Grace of the triune Jehovah. He was called to his everlasting rest on the 22nd day of February, 1853, aged 55 years.

"Where sin abounded grace did much more abound."

BODINGTON, JOHN,

WAS born in London, January 6th, 1794. His parents were members of the Arian Chapel, Salter's Hall. While yet a lad, under the powerful and faithful ministry of John Hyatt, at the Tabernacle, Moorfields, it pleased God to enlighten his mind, awaken his conscience, and convert his soul. He afterwards joined the church there, and was soon called to suffer persecution. His father, enraged at his renunciation of Arianism, and turning fanatic, turned him out of doors on a cold winter's night. But the eye of God was upon him. He soon found employ, though in a very humble way; even here trials awaited him —his master, who would not allow his attendance on Christian worship, discharged him. Again thrown upon the world, he ventured to call on

Matthew Wilks and Dr. Winter; the latter kindly heard his tale, and after further conversation, requested him to conduct the morning service in the family. This he did with so much propriety, though not seventeen years of age, that efforts were made to qualify him for the work of the ministry. He now began to preach in workhouses and other places, and at length became co-pastor with the venerable Mr. Hunt, at Back Street, Horsleydown, and in 1813 was publicly ordained to the work of the ministry.

Mr. Bodington was now only twenty years of age, and on the death of Mr. Hunt, at the advanced age of ninety, he became sole pastor of the church. In 1829 the lease of the chapel expired, and the congregation removed to Ebenezer Chapel, Neckinger Road, and here he continued his faithful labours until, after forty-five years' pastorate, he resigned, at the close of 1858.

On Lord's-day, October 16, he preached at Wimbledon, and on the following Friday, at midnight, he fell asleep in Jesus, October 21, 1859, aged 65 years.

BOGUE, DAVID, D.D.,

Of Gosport, Hampshire. This able minister and venerable tutor was born in Berwickshire, on the 1st of March, 1750; was, while young, sent to

the Grammar School of Eyemouth, from whence he went to the University of Edinburgh, where he remained for eight or nine years. He came to England as tutor to a school at Camberwell, and assistant minister to the church and congregation at Silver Street, London. Providence, however, soon directed his steps to Gosport, Hants, where, to the close of his long and valuable life, he laboured both in word and doctrine. He devoted himself most ardently to the cause of Christian Missions, and to him therefore the Missionary Seminary was intrusted, as an able teacher for the perfecting of suitable men for the work of the ministry. Many journeys he took on the business of the Society. In 1816 he went, with Dr. Bennett, to the Netherlands. Wherever he went, his counsels and ministry gave a profitable direction to the public mind. In the latter years of his life he was severely tried by domestic affliction. But his ministry was marked with the spirit of one on the threshold of heaven. He set out on the 18th of October, 1825, for Brighton, for the anniversary at Mr. Goulty's chapel, where, after offering the prayer before sermon, he became very ill, and upon reaching Mr. Goulty's residence, he retired to his chamber, and had his family summoned to receive his blessing. During his painful illness he spoke but little. "I know," said he, "whom I have believed;" and having, like the Patriarch, blessed his children, he fell into a kind of stupor, which continued until he peacefully

departed to the presence of his Redeemer, October 25th, 1825, in the 75th year of his age.

BOLTON, WILLIAM,

BAPTIST Minister. He was successively pastor of the Baptist churches at Brockham, Surrey, Rickmansworth, Herts, and Borough Green, Kent. At the latter place his ministry was greatly blessed—for a period of thirteen years he laboured in word and doctrine, many were added to the church, and the chapel was considerably enlarged. But infirmities laid him aside, and he seemed to outlive his usefulness for several years, being greatly afflicted with asthma. His cough, however, left him some weeks before his departure from this vale of tears, and he sank quietly to everlasting rest in a good old age on the 14th of January, 1858.

BONNAR, JAMES,

SENIOR minister of the Scotch Church at Auchtermuchty, Fifeshire. He was father of the Relief Synod, in which he had long held office as clerk, and had nearly completed the fifty-ninth year of his ministry. He died in Jesus on the 11th of February, 1847, in the 97th year of his age.

BONTEMS, WILLIAM,

Of Middlesborough, a native of Hemel Hempstead, Herts. He was educated at Horton College, and was an earnest preacher and thorough Nonconformist. From the rupture of a blood-vessel, he was, in the prime of manhood, called from time into eternity, in the month of May, 1868, having just completed his 49th year.

BOOTH, ABRAHAM.

This justly celebrated minister and writer was born on the 20th of May, 1734, at Blakwell, Derbyshire. When about ten years old he was awakened to a concern about salvation—these convictions were permanent, and increased with his years. After some time he was baptised upon a profession of his faith, by Mr. Smith, at Boston. In 1760 he began to preach at Boston, and afterwards at Sutton Ashfield, and for several years alternately at Nottingham and Chesterfield. At length his steps were directed to London, where, on the 16th of February, 1769, he was publicly ordained pastor over the Baptist Church, Prescott Street, Goodman's Fields, and where, by the blessing of God on his labours, he maintained an eminent position among the ministers of his day. The celebrated Dr. Newman, of Bow said of him—"As a literary man he was generally acknowledged to belong to the *first class among Protestant Dissenters.*"

The year after his settlement at Prescott Street he published his "Death of Legal Hope," as a supplement to his "Reign of Grace," and designed to guard that excellent work from the abuse of Arminian legality on the one hand, and Antinomianism on the other. In 1788 he published his famous treatise upon "The Kingdom of Christ," and several other useful works followed. He drank deeply into the humbling doctrines of the Cross. In the immediate prospect of death his mind retained all its wonted calmness and serenity. To a friend he said: "I am peaceful but not elated. I have no fear,

> "'The Gospel bears my spirits up,
> A faithful and unchanging God
> Lays the foundation of my hope
> In oaths, and promises, and blood.'"

On the following day speech failed him, and in the evening, his friends, who were watching, saw him expire without a struggle. So closed the useful days of the venerable Abraham Booth, January 27th, 1806, having sustained the pastoral office at Prescott Street nearly thirty-seven years. He came to his grave like a shock of corn, fully ripe in his season.

BORROWS, WILLIAM, A.M.

THIS excellent clergyman was for many years the popular and beloved minister of the Episcopal Church, Clapham, and Sunday afternoon

lecturer at St. Luke's Church, Old Street, London. Mr. Borrows was an able Minister of the Gospel, and preached a *full Christ to empty sinners.* He finished his useful course in a good old age, in the month of April, 1852.

BOSWORTH, NEWTON,

For many years the faithful pastor of the Baptist church at Paris, Canada, West. After a short but painful illness, during which he enjoyed the consolations of that gospel he had preached to others, and anticipated with holy pleasure the delights of his heavenly rest, he departed this life, 14th of July, 1848, in the 73rd year of his age.

BOTTOMLEY, SAMUEL,

Of Scarborough, Yorkshire. This venerable servant of Christ was for fifty-seven years the beloved, revered, and highly useful minister of the church and congregation at Scarborough. His devout and amiable spirit, sound understanding and feeling heart, eminently qualified him for the pastor's office, in the exercise of which his preaching was remarkable for sound evangelical truth, sententious and animated expression. In private he was a judicious and familiar instructor, a prudent adviser, a sympathising friend in sickness and distress, and

the minister of peace to the departing spirit. As his strength failed, his confidence increased in his Redeemer, who received him to glory, on the morning of His own day, Feb. 13, 1831, after sojourning on earth eighty years.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

BOWDEN, RICHARD,

WAS a young minister of Jesus Christ, and pastor of the church at Holloway Chapel, Islington.

"He filled his space with worthy deeds
And not with lingering years,"

and exchanged earth for heaven, January 20th, 1830. He was the son of Mr. James Bowden, many years minister of the gospel, Lower Tooting, Surrey. While preaching, he sank down in the pulpit, in an apoplectic fit, and died soon after, April 5th, 1812, at the age of 65 years.

BOWES, W. B.

OF Blandford Street Chapel, London. Was born at Wandsworth, Surrey, 1795. While yet a stranger to God, a *tract* the wind had lodged on a thorn hedge, arrested his attention; it brought him to serious thought, and a work of grace on his heart became deep and permanent. After his baptism, he was added to the church at Wandsworth, and some time after was employed in preaching round the villages. He was afterwards chosen minister of the Baptist church at

Enon Chapel, Woolwich, Kent, where he laboured with success for some years. In 1834, he accepted the invitation of the church at Blandford Street Chapel, London, and became their pastor, where for twenty-three years he ministered in holy things with extensive usefulness. On the 15th of April, while visiting among the sick, he was taken ill in the street, and carried home, where, in a few short hours, he departed this mortal life in sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality, 16th of April, 1858. "Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find *so* doing."

BRADBERRY, DAVID,

An excellent minister of the old Puritan School, and many years pastor of the Independent church and congregation meeting at Kennington. After serving his generation by the will of God, he finished his labours, and was called to his eternal reward on the 13th of January, 1803, aged 67 years.

BRADFORD, JOHN, A.B.,

Of Wadham College, Oxford, and minister of Grub Street (now Milton Street), London. Mr. Bradford was, in the early part of his life, a minister in the Established Church, and curate of Trilsham, Berkshire. He says, "I was writing a

sermon from the words, '*Ye must be born again.*' I now felt as I never did before; I had sins presented to my mind which I had never thought of, and never considered to *be* sins—and this sin in particular, that I wore the *livery* and received the *pay* of a minister of the gospel, whereas I was only a hireling. I now saw that I must be born again. I was convinced of the necessity of the new birth, and cried earnestly that I might experience its reality. I never finished the sermon I had begun, but instead thereof, burnt all my old sermons. I was, before that time, an *Arian*. The first relief I felt was from a view that Jesus Christ was GOD. His Deity I now see as the ground of all my Christian confidence. I went to preach the next Sunday *from what I felt*, and the effect was wonderful. No less than five persons were awakened under that sermon."

Mr. Bradford afterwards laboured in the connection of the Countess of Huntingdon. In the year 1797, on a pressing invitation, he removed to London, and became pastor of the church in Grub (Milton) Street, and here he laboured with great acceptance till his Master called him home, and his immortal spirit ascended to God, July 16th, 1805, in the 55th year of his age.

BRANCH, JOHN.

THIS well-known and useful minister of the gospel had, in early life, relinquished business to

devote himself to the instruction of the ignorant and abandoned in some of the worst districts of London. His devoted labours in this department drew the attention of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and he eventually became Superintendent of the Missionaries of the London City Mission. Mr. Branch was for some years the beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Waterloo Road, and afterwards at Church Street, Blackfriars Road, where he faithfully laboured in word and doctrine until his Lord called him to receive the crown of life, on the 12th of January, 1856, aged 50 years.

BRIDGMAN, ISAAC, A.M.,

Of Walworth, Surrey, was formerly a clergyman of the Church of England, and for the last seventeen years of his life the valuable pastor of the church of Christ at St. John's Chapel, West Street, Walworth, where, after labouring with fidelity and zeal in his Master's cause, he was at length laid aside. Through crushing trials and protracted sufferings he was graciously kept without murmuring, in perfect peace to the end. His dying experience was truly edifying to many. "Here I am," said he, "earth passing away! Heaven opening! Looking unto Jesus!" At another time he exclaimed, "I shall not go to Heaven's gates demanding entrance on my own account—but in the name of Jesus, showing my credentials that I had believed in Him—wore

His righteousness—and now humbly ask admission through His blood." To a brother minister he observed, "I feel the carpenter and bricklayer pulling the old house down: but I have another prepared for me, eternal, and on high. The disorder makes me long for immortality. He that put me into the ministry can do without me. I am thankful that He has made me faithful." To a dear friend he said—"He that gives bad nights can give good ones—or else songs in the night. We are first to live to Christ, then labour for Christ, then suffer for Christ, and then sleep with Christ." During the last hour he said to his beloved wife, "He is now just taking me to Himself —*I am getting up Jacob's ladder.*" Observing him closing his eyes in prayer, she whispered—"You have had a nice meditation, dear." He replied, "Certainly I have—on Jesus." These were his last words, and his happy spirit took its flight to glory, on the 5th of July, 1846, in the 57th year of his age.

BROAD, JOHN,

Of Hitchin, Herts. This devoted minister of the gospel was born in London, 1809; his parents were members of the church in Kepple Street, under the pastorate of the eminent John Martin. Notwithstanding his privileged condition, he was addicted to carnal amusements, without God, and without hope in the world. He afterwards was

brought under deep concern of soul, and at length found peace in Jesus, under the powerful ministry of that man of God, J. H. Evans, of John Street. There the testimony of Christ was confirmed to his soul. Some time after he was employed in visiting, praying, and preaching in different parts of London; and, at the close of 1831, was invited to preach at Silver Street Chapel, Kensington, where he remained nine years. In 1841 Mr. Broad left Kensington, to become the pastor of the Baptist Church, Hitchin, Herts, where he faithfully laboured for God and truth, and where his ministry was very fruitful in winning souls to Christ. But in the year 1858, failing health compelled him to resign his charge, and embark for Australia, where he only tarried on a visit of two months. He returned to England, and preached at Hastings, on the 3rd of October, from "*The fame of Jesus.*" It was his *last* sermon. On the following morning he was found dead in his bed, October 4th, 1858.

"*Be ye also ready!*"

BROADFOOT, WILLIAM,

Was born on the 8th of August, 1775. He was the *first* minister of the Secession Church in the Orkney Islands, where, during the space of nineteen years, his labours were greatly blessed. In 1817 he undertook the charge of the congregation of the same communion in Oxendon Street,

London, but he was compelled, by declining health to relinquish it in 1830. He was then appointed to the office of theological tutor at Cheshunt College, in which important trust he continued to labour until he was called from his work on earth to the enjoyment of a glorious and eternal rest, on the 6th of June, 1837.

BROOKSBANK, JOSEPH,

"AN Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile," many years the faithful and talented minister of the Meeting-house, Haberdashers' Hall, Staining Lane, London. He was born near Bradford, Yorkshire, in 1762. This good man was a labourer to the last, dying at his post, with his harness on. His last utterance to those about him was, "*I cannot tell you how precious Jesus is to me now;*" then, laying down, fell asleep in Jesus, on the 19th of April, 1825, in the 64th year of his age.

BROWN, JOHN.

THIS venerable Independent Minister was pastor of the church at Cumberland Street Chapel, Curtain Road, London, where for thirty years he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, with fidelity and success. He died in the Lord, February 9th, 1816, aged 77 years.

BROWN, SAMUEL,

AN earnest minister of the everlasting gospel at Tralee, Ireland. He died at Hackney of a rapid consumption, superinduced by his devoted exertions on behalf of Ireland. His reliance on the atonement of Christ was unshaken, and his end was perfect peace, June 22, 1847, aged 30 years.

BUCK, CHARLES.

THIS valuable author and minister of the gospel was born near Wooton-under-edge, Gloucestershire, A.D. 1771. He succeeded the excellent Mr. Shrubsole as pastor over the Independent church, Bethel Chapel, Sheerness, and afterwards removed to London, where he preached and laboured to the end of his days. After a painful and lingering affliction this worthy and much respected servant of the Lord was called home to his eternal reward, August 11th, 1815, at the early age of 44 years. Among Mr. Buck's various publications, his "Theological Dictionary" has obtained the widest circulation.

BULL, THOMAS PALMER,

OF Newport Pagnel, Bucks. This small town was the scene of his birth, his life and labours, his death and burial, a period of 86 years. He was born July 15th, 1772. His father was the celebrated William Bull, the contemporary and

friend of Cowper the poet, John Newton, Thomas Scott, and John Ryland. The son, carefully trained by his loving and accomplished father, not only in the fear of God, but in all the departments of Christian learning, eventually became a member of his church, joint-tutor in his academy, co-pastor with him in the ministry, and finally, on the death of his father, succeeded to the pastorate.

He was an earnest, affectionate preacher, a man of large benevolence, and a great blessing to the community among whom he spent his days. He wished to die at his post—but the Master did not require this at his hands. He exhibited, under increasing weakness, gentleness, patience, and resignation, and the dying saint sunk into the slumber of death on March 11, 1859, in the 86th year of his age and 56th of his ministry.

BURGESS, THOMAS,

MINISTER of the gospel over the church and congregation in Deptford, Kent, and an occasional preacher at Mr. Huntington's chapel, Grays-inn Lane, London. He finished his mortal career and entered into the joy of his Lord, in the month of September, 1823.

BURDER, GEORGE,

SECRETARY of the London Missionary Society, and editor of the "Evangelical Magazine," was

born in the year 1752. He shewed an early taste for drawing, and became a student in the Royal Academy. But after he was convinced of sin, righteousness and judgment, he relinquished the arts for the gospel, and began to preach at Coventry in 1783, where he was ordained pastor over the church assembling there. In the year 1803 he came to London, and soon after was settled as pastor over the church and congregation in Fetter Lane chapel, where, for thirty-six years, he laboured in word and doctrine. Mr. Burder's writings are very numerous. His *Village Sermons*, in six volumes, have had a very extensive circulation. After serving his generation, by the will of God he slept with his fathers, in a good old age, 1832.

BURDER, HENRY FOSTER, D.D.,

Son of the above, was one of the most celebrated ministers in his day, and for a long period of years was the faithful and beloved pastor of the church and congregation assembling at St. Thomas's Square chapel, Hackney. He was summoned to his everlasting rest on the 29th of December, 1864, at the venerable age of 81 years.

BURDETT, CHENEY,

A good minster of Jesus Christ. He was born at Nazeby, Northamptonshire, 1785, and finished his

course with joy, at Thorpe, Essex, on the 2nd of September, 1852, aged 67.

BURNET, JOSEPH,

BAPTIST minister of the church of Christ meeting in Bethlehem Chapel, Woolwich. He was for many years greatly afflicted with deafness, which rendered him unable to converse with his friends. But his ministry was much blest to many, and the glorious truths he preached to his people—over whom he presided as pastor for thirty-three years—were his stay and comfort in his departing moments. He was attacked with apoplexy while breaking bread at the Lord's Table, on the 7th of June, 1841, and in the evening of that day conveyed to eternal glory, in the 68th year of his pilgrimage.

BUTTERWORTH, LAWRENCE,

A TRULY venerable servant of Jesus Christ, who for a long term of years was pastor of the Baptist church at Evesham, Worcestershire. He was born in Lancashire on the 6th of December, 1740, of eminently godly parents, who had the unusual happiness of having no less than five sons in the ministry, four of whom filled for a long period honourable and useful stations in the church, viz., John at Coventry, James at Bromsgrove, Henry at Bridgenorth, and Lawrence at Evesham, who

though last was not least among the thousands of Israel. He began to preach in 1764, and after a ministry of nearly *sixty-four* years, calmly sank down and rested from his labours on the 1st of July, 1828.

BUTTON, WILLIAM.

THIS excellent Baptist minister had the privilege of having for his tutor the celebrated John Ryland, Sen., of Northampton, where he received his first impressions under a funeral sermon occasioned by the death of one of his schoolfellows. Young Ryland (afterwards Dr. Ryland) and young Mr. Button were baptized together. Before he was twenty years of age, he was called to preach the gospel, and in the year 1775 the church in Dean Street, Tooley Street, London, elected him for their pastor, where for more than forty years he went in and out before them, breaking the Bread of Life. He was called to his inheritance August 2, 1821, aged 67 years.

CALDWELL, ROBERT,

AN eminent minister of the gospel at Silver Street Chapel, Wood Street, London. He was formerly in Lady Huntingdon's connection. After labouring with much success, and serving his generation, he fell asleep in Jesus, on the 16th of April, 1803, aged 45 years.

CAMERON, F.,

THIRTY-FOUR years pastor of the Baptist church, Louth. He was highly esteemed as a faithful man of God. After a protracted illness he was removed to his final rest, August 29, in the year 1847, in the 40th year of his public ministry, and the 66th of his age.

CAMPBELL, JOHN,

THIRTY-SEVEN years the faithful and devoted pastor of the church and congregation, Kingsland Chapel, London, was born at Edinburgh, March, 1766. He feared the Lord from his youth, and early engaged in preaching the gospel and extending Sunday Schools. He was ordained in 1804, and retained his pastoral charge till his death. Mr. Campbell took an active part in the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society. In 1812 he undertook a journey to the stations of the London Missionary Society in South Africa, of which he published an account on his return. In 1818 he paid a similar visit, and put forth the result in two volumes. He published several other works, chiefly for the instruction of youth, of which his "Worlds displayed" is the most popular, and for eighteen years was editor of the "Youth's Magazine," and also the "Teacher's Offering." His last years were spent in the bosom of his people, and his end was emphatically peace. On his death-bed he said:

"The *debt* is all paid, the sufferings of Christ have discharged it, and I am free." His last sentence was, "You see me in peace; Let it fly! let the gospel fly!" And in the hush of evening his ransomed spirit passed away, on the 4th day of April, 1840, aged 74 years.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

CAMPBELL, JOHN, D.D.,

PASTOR of the congregation at the Tabernacle, Moorfields, London. This eminent minister, author and journalist, was born in the lowlands of Scotland, 1795. His early days were spent at the *blacksmith's forge.* One who knew him then, said, it was characteristic of John Campbell, "that he kept his iron in the furnace until it was red hot, laid on heavily his rapid blows, and did not care where the sparks went." About the twentieth year of his age, he was brought to a knowledge of the truth, and some few years after, began preaching the gospel. His first pastorate was in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, where his ministry was earnest, rousing, and successful. In the year 1829 he succeeded the excellent John Hyatt as minister of the Tabernacle, London, where, after a laborious public life of more than *forty* years, he calmly spent the sabbath of a Christian old age. His last illness was short, but his sufferings were intense, very little conversation was possible. But his broken utterances

showed that his passage through the gloomy valley was cheered by the visions of heaven. "Many mansions! Many mansions!" he was heard to say, more than once: and upon being asked if Christ was precious to him *then*, his reply was, "*Unutterably so.*" And so he entered into rest on the 26th of March, 1867, aged 72 years.

Dr. Campbell was a great and powerful writer, and his published works are numerous. But the prime achievement of his life was his controversy with the queen's printers: the result of which was *the breaking up of the bible monopoly*, and an immense reduction in the price of the Holy Scriptures, until the entire Bible was sold for a few pence.

CARSON, ALEXANDER, LL.D.

THIS distinguished minister and able scholar was for many years pastor of the Baptist church, Tubbermore, in the north of Ireland. His decease was solemn and affecting. He had been in England visiting some of the counties on behalf of missions. On returning homeward, while waiting at Liverpool for the vessel to convey him to Belfast, he unconsciously approached too near the edge of the quay, and instantly fell headlong into the tide. The fall to the water was *nine* feet, and its depth *twenty-five* feet more. Happily he was seen to fall, and a ladder being at hand, was lowered to his assistance till a boat came to

his rescue. On his arrival at Belfast, in extreme debility, he was removed to the residence of Mr. Wilson, Baptist minister there, where he remained till death relieved him of his suffering, August 24th, 1844, in the 68th year of his age. He evinced the greatest calmness and composure under the trying dispensation. Only he lamented on his dying bed the sad extent to which *lax doctrine* was prevailing in England, and warned his friends of the danger. Dr. Carson was a great writer: his works on the subject of Christian Baptism are regarded as the ablest in defence of the views he so zealously espoused.

CARTWRIGHT, JOSEPH,

MANY years an able and laborious minister of the gospel, and pastor of the Independent church, Lant Street, Southwark. He finished his earthly course on the 5th of November, 1800, at the age of 52 years, "Kept by the power of God, and preserved in Christ Jesus."

[*In presenting the following narrative to his readers, the Editor would express his obligations to Mr. Joseph Cartwright, grandson of the above.*]

"In the year 1748, a respectable draper resided in Shoreditch. One Sunday morning, before it yet began to dawn, and while all was quiet, two men, their faces disguised with masks of black crape, suddenly disturbed his slumbers by entering the house and standing grimly before him.

One of them instantly fastened the astonished draper to a chair, while the good wife was undergoing the same process from the hands of the other ruffian in an adjacent room. There was, of course, a flashing of sharp and murderous-looking knives, and a sanguinary display of horse-pistols, for the purpose of awing the terrified couple into quiet submission. In an adjoining apartment was an infant some three months old in its cradle: the child cried, one of the villains called out to the other to *cut the throat* of the little squalling brat! and the child became *suddenly quiet!* After they had well loaded themselves with the draper's most valuable property, they decamped, leaving both man and wife in maddening anxiety about each other's fate. At length the wife, by a good deal of twisting and twirling, managed to get her liberty. She hastened to the rescue of her husband. He, poor man, had been very sorely treated, and she found him nearly strangled, and half dead with fright. After she had liberated him, her first thought was to seek her murdered child. She verily expected to find it dead, from its sudden quietness: she flew to the room where stood the cradle, and there, O joy! her infant lay in its cradle unhurt, and asleep: and the clasp knife that had been opened for the murder of her suckling lay harmless on the coverlet of its little bed." *That child was the Mr. Joseph Cartwright, Minister of Lant Street Chapel, recorded above!*

CARTWRIGHT, JOSEPH,

SON of the above, and more than forty years an able minister of the New Testament, successively at Orpington, Kent; Mount Zion Chapel, Devonport; and Ebenezer Chapel, Whitechapel, London. He was born on Good Friday, April 18th, 1783, in the parsonage house, adjoining the chapel in Lant Street, Borough of Southwark, where his father was the pastor, and whose miraculous preservation from being murdered in his infancy we have recorded.

Mr. Cartwright received his first convictions in his father's chapel, under a sermon preached by one of the Countess of Huntingdon's ministers. The fear of death, judgment, and the need of righteousness, was wrought in his soul: so that he used to say, "*I was born twice under one roof!*" After the death of his excellent father, he generally sat under the ministry of William Romaine, Watts Wilkinson, Dr. Hawker, and other worthies of that day. In the year 1817, he preached his *first* sermon at West Wickham, Kent, from the words:—"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?" From that day he was fully employed in preaching of Him in various villages about Kent and Surrey. In 1820, he was ordained pastor over the church at Orpington, where he laboured with abundant success for about ten years, and was then removed to Devonport, where his ministry was honoured with increasing usefulness for twelve years. At length he was led

to the metropolis, where, in the year 1843, he became minister of the church and congregation at Ebenezer Chapel, Whitechapel. And here he laboured in word and doctrine to the end of his useful days, and full of years, having been a faithful servant of the sanctuary for more than forty years. When laid aside, he said, with much fervour, "The truths I have for forty-four years preached to others, are now my comfort." As he approached the river's brink, he was asked the state of his mind. "Happy! happy! happy!" he exclaimed.

"But do you not feel the cold streams of Jordan?" asked his aged wife.

"Yes," he replied, "but there's a *solid bottom:* I shall soon be over!" And thus, on the 21st of April, 1861, he entered heaven with prayer, aged 78 years.

CASTLEDEN, MICHAEL,

An excellent minister of the gospel, who was for many years the devoted pastor of the Church of Christ among the Independents at Woburn, Bedfordshire. While on a visit to his grandson in Mile End, London, this servant of the Lord was called suddenly away to give account of his stewardship, November the 5th, 1848, at the age of 79 years.

Reader, "Be ye also ready."

CASTLEDEN, JAMES,

UPWARDS of thirty-six years the popular and beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Holly-bush Hill, Hampstead—was born at Faversham, Kent, February, 1779. He had at an early period some ideas of an all-seeing God, and would often worship Him, though ignorantly, and in unbelief. As he grew up, he attended the ministry of good Mr. Foster, at Clerkenwell Church, Dr. Jenkins, and Mr. Huntington. In the year 1799, he was baptized by Dr. Jenkins, of Walworth, and became a member of the Church there. Some years after he united with the congregation under the ministry of Samuel Eyles Pierce, and began preaching in many places, in town and country. In 1818, a chapel was erected on Holly-bush Hill, when he was ordained pastor over the church meeting there, and where, for a long term of years, many precious tokens of Divine favour were enjoyed. But year after year brought on increasing infirmities. In August, 1853, he was seized with paralysis, which laid him aside for many months. Not long before his decease, he said, "Christ has taken away the sting of death." He was asked: "Can *you* say 'I have a desire to depart?'" With a mighty effort he replied, "Yes! and to be with Christ, which is far better." In the middle of the night he wished for a prayer meeting; a friend said, "Yes, I will read a psalm;" he then himself engaged most fervently in prayer; it was the *last*. He was asked, "Can

you testify of God's faithfulness to you now?" "Yes! he has cared for me more than seventy-six years, and shall I be afraid to trust him now? I should think not indeed." He then laboured in breathing for a few minutes, and quietly fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, on the 4th of June, 1854, and in the 77th year of his pilgrimage.

CATT, ALFRED.

THIS well known and valuable minister of the gospel in the county of Suffolk was born at Swilland, 1800. In the month of April 1834, he was ordained pastor over the Baptist church, Cromfield, where he continued about eight years; and after preaching in different parts of Suffolk, in 1854 he took the pastoral office over the church at Witnessham, where he finished his labours on the 5th of January, 1867, in the 67th year of his age. "*Jesus only!*" he exclaimed, with his expiring breath.

CAREY, WILLIAM, D.D.

THIS eminent Baptist missionary of Bengal was born August 17, 1761, at Paulerspury, Northamptonshire. He says, "Of vital and experimental religion I scarcely ever heard in my boyish days." But the Holy Spirit was pleased to convince him of sin, and arouse his conscience, while yet a youth, to attend the ministry of John

Ryland, where in connexion with the ministry of Mr. Sutcliff at Olney, he obtained peace and joy in believing. He afterwards became a member of the church at Olney, and was then called to the work of the ministry. Having married at the early age of twenty, a rising family and the poverty of the people whom he served in the gospel, subjected him at this time to many and severe privations. But in 1789 he was relieved of these pressures by being chosen pastor of the Baptist church at Leicester, where some years after the celebrated Robert Hall laboured. Dr. Carey may be considered the father and founder of the Baptist Missionary Society. So early as 1784 his mind was burdened with the vast project; nor did he rest till he had engaged his brethren to the formation of a society, and offered himself as the *first* missionary. This was at length accomplished at Kettering in October, 1791. He left England in the spring of 1793, and never on any occasion returned to it, so that he was more than forty years absent from his fatherland. Our fathers knew him well, but *we* have only been acquainted with him by "the hearing of the ear," as the pioneer of Baptist Missionaries in Bengal, Serampore and Calcutta. From the year 1829 his health began to fail, and after a lingering illness and extreme debility, he fell asleep in Jesus June 9, 1834. Of this great and good man it may indeed be said, "his end was *peace*." Some of his last utterances were, "I cannot

say I have rapturous feelings, but I am confident in the promise of my Lord, and wish to leave my eternal interests in His hands, to place my hands in His as a child would in his father's, to be led where and how He please." And again, "I see no one thing in all my past life and labours upon which I dare to rest, I am persuaded of the necessity of trusting my perishing soul in the hands of my Redeemer. I most earnestly request that no epithets of praise may ever accompany my name—may I but be accepted at last—I am sure from first to last all the glory must be given to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The only extra inscription he would allow on his tomb is the following verse of Dr. Watts':

> "A guilty, weak, and helpless worm
> On thy kind arms I fall:
> Be thou my strength and righteousness,
> My Jesus and my all."

CAYZER, WILLIAM,

For many years the highly esteemed pastor of the Independent church, meeting in Shalom Chapel, the Oval, Hackney Road. In 1826 he was a distinguished member of the church at Trinity Chapel, Leather Lane, and in church fellowship with the compiler, enjoying the powerful ministry of that bold champion of the cross, Mr. Thomas Smith. Mr. Cayzer was called to the work of the ministry about 1830, and subsequently was ordained pastor at Shalom Chapel,

where he laboured and was faithful unto death. He was, however, mercifully spared the pains of death; he left home in the morning to visit a daughter at Peckham, and had only reached Fenchurch Street when an arrow from the bow of death struck him, and in an instant he fell to the ground a lifeless corpse, the 5th of July, 1853.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

CECIL, RICHARD, M.A.,

THE eminent, faithful minister of St. John's Chapel, Bedford Row, London, and vicar of Chobham, Surrey; was born in London, November 8, 1748. His father was a zealous member of the Established Church, but his mother—a woman of distinguished piety—was a Dissenter, the only daughter of Mr. Grosvenor, brother to the excellent Dr. Grosvenor. Young Cecil had long indulged in reading sceptical books, hardening his conscience, and fortifying himself in infidelity. But the Lord, who had designed him for a great work, delivered him from the snare, and brought him to the feet of Jesus, chiefly by the godly walk and conversation of his beloved mother. In the year 1777 Mr. Cecil was ordained to the ministry in Leicestershire, and for some years supplied different churches in London. His most important sphere of usefulness was St. John's Chapel, Bedford Row, in which he began to preach in 1780. Here he laboured with abundant suc-

cess, and during the summer months at Chobham, till his Lord and Master was pleased to call him home, after a long and painful disorder, August 15th, 1810. The Rev. Daniel Wilson, afterwards Bishop of Calcutta, preached his funeral sermon, and says, on his last visit to him on his dying bed he wrote down, though hardly legible through infirmity, "*None but Christ! none but Christ!*"

CESAR, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Baptist church at Farnham, Surrey, was born near Godalming, Surrey, and though permitted to follow the devices and desires of his own heart for many years, yet God, who is rich in mercy, had not appointed him to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. After he had tasted the sweetness of redeeming love, he longed to tell it to others; and when he began to preach knew nothing among the people but Christ and Him crucified. Mr. Cesar's ministry was spread over thirty years, and he held the pastoral office successively at Mayford Chapel, Woking, at the Old Baptist Chapel, Guildford, and at Farnham, Surrey, where for the last ten years of his earthly career he faithfully dispensed the word of life to the comfort and edification of many. Tribulations and sorrows often attended him in his pathway through life and in his ministerial work, but the consolations of the gospel with him were neither few nor

small. In his last moments the everlasting arms sustained him, and his end was peace. His spirit ascended to God who gave it on the 7th of May, 1863, aged 73 years. His fellow labourer, Mr. J. Hillman, and the compiler of these memorials committed his earthly remains to the tomb, and the latter preached his funeral sermon to the bereaved church and congregation at Farnham, to whom "He being dead yet speaketh."

CHALMERS, THOMAS, D.D.,

THIS most celebrated minister of the gospel in modern times was born in Anstruther, Fifeshire, 17th of March, 1780. About the year 1803 he was ordained in the Presbytery of Cupar, Fife, but afterwards removed to Glasgow, and from thence to Edinburgh, where he finished his valuable life and labours. During the early period of his ministry it appears, from his own testimony, that he was ignorant of vital godliness and had never experienced the power of divine truth in his soul: his mode of preaching *then* was very different to which it was afterwards, and might well be called "another gospel." In truth he was in a similar state of mind with Paul before his conversion, "alive without the law;" but like him, he ever after preached Christ crucified, and was faithful unto death. One sabbath, May 30, he spent the evening in the bosom of his family, and afterwards retired to rest, but it was to rise

no more in this world. To the surprise and grief of all, he was found dead in bed on the morning of the next day, Monday, 31st of May, 1847, having just completed the 67th year of his age. Upwards of 1500 ministers and friends attended his funeral, and all felt that "a prince and a great man had fallen in Israel."

CHANDLER, THOMAS.

THIS minister of the gospel was for many years the honest and faithful pastor of the church of Christ meeting at Edenbridge, Kent. He was called by the grace of God under the ministry of George Payton, whom he succeeded as minister in Edenbridge. He was a lover of good men, given to hospitality, apt to teach, and "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." When on his dying pillow his sufferings were so intense that a friend said to him, "Can it be possible that a child of God should suffer as you do? I cannot make it out!" He replied with marked emphasis, "Can't you understand it? I can. '*Fools because of their transgressions are afflicted:*' there is the secret. My sins are forgiven for His name's sake, but whom he loves he chastens." Drawing near to his end, he said, "O that He would come and just give me one kiss and take me home! Come Lord Jesus, come quickly." After a long silence he exclaimed, "He is come! I'm going! It's all

over!" and his redeemed spirit took its flight to the bosom of his Saviour.

"Creatures were mute, but not the angelic throng."

He departed this life March 24th, 1866, aged 69.

CHERRIER, WILLIAM,

A VALUABLE minister of the gospel among the Independents, and for many years the beloved pastor over a church of Christ in Liverpool. Few ministers have laboured with more faithfulness and zeal, or with more pleasing tokens of the Master's approbation, than did this servant of the Cross. His annual visits to the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Chapel in London are yet remembered by thousands who bless God for his ministry. He died in the Lord, March 29, 1826.

CHERRY, JOHN,

A GODLY minister of the sanctuary, and for thirty years pastor of the Baptist church, Wellington, in Somerset. He was born at Bristol, and blessed early with grace to fear the Lord from his youth. The last few years of his life were embittered by the low, distracted state of the church, and a painful disorder which rendered him helpless. About five minutes before his death he exclaimed, "Lord Jesus, help me through this valley!" and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the 13th of March, 1827.

CHERRY, WILLIAM,

Son of the above John Cherry. He seems to have passed his early years under the restraining influence of home, and through divine grace feared the Lord from his youth. In after years he was engaged as a missionary in the county of Warwickshire, in connexion with the Baptist Home Mission; there he continued for three years, and afterwards accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at West Haddon, Northamptonshire, and entered upon its duties in 1841. Afterwards he removed to Milton and Burford, in Oxfordshire, where for about sixteen years he presided over the united churches there. As a pastor he was much valued by his flock, and all found in him a candid counsellor and a cheerful friend. His last illness was severe, but of short duration; he was seized with spasms of the heart. On being asked by his daughter, "Father, are you happy?" he said, "Happy! not so happy as I shall be; this morning I was very happy. All I can say is, 'God be merciful to me a sinner!' Though we change, Christ does not." His last expressions were, "*O to be like Christ! I shall not only see Him—I shall be like Him.*" And thus, like David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God he fell on sleep, December 9, 1867.

CHIN, JOHN.

THIS devoted man of God was born near Blandford, Dorsetshire, on May 16, 1773. When about eight years old he often experienced keen remorse on account of sin: his contrition, however, died away, and his inclinations became unsettled. Having removed to Bristol he became a hearer of Mr. Hey, an eminent preacher of that day. Under the ministry of this faithful servant of Christ he experienced the renewing influences of the Holy Ghost. Soon after he came to London, and became a member of the church in Horsleydown, but his views on baptism having undergone a change, he was baptized by James Upton, of Church Street, Blackfriars Road, and united with the church under his care. He had for some time before engaged in occasional preaching, and he now received an invitation to settle with the church at Dunstable. Circumstances, however, rendered this impossible. He was requested to take the charge of a newly-formed church at Walworth. A place of worship was erected for him in Lion Street, and he was ordained to the pastorate December 29, 1807, where for thirty-two years he laboured faithfully in word and doctrine. Mr. Chin's ministry was acceptable and useful. Repeated enlargements of the chapel took place; from thirty-six members the church increased to more than three hundred. Mr. Chin tranquilly went to his rest on the 28th of August, 1839, in the 66th year of his age.

CLARK, JOHN,

PASTOR of the Baptist church at Crockerton, Wilts. He was born at Frome, Somersetshire, December 29th, 1711. After a faithful ministry of nearly *sixty* years, the earthly tabernacle sunk under the weight of age, and he closed his eyes peacefully on the 5th of April, 1803, at the venerable age of 92. One of his grandchildren was the wife of Dr. Marshman, missionary at Serampore, and mother to the lady of the celebrated Sir Henry Havelock.

CLARK, GEORGE,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Ivinghoe, Bucks, was born in Northamptonshire, June 21st, 1762. A man of many trials all through life; but the Lord was with him, and gave him a contented mind, and made him very useful in the work of the ministry. He was an honest man and kept faithful unto death. He fell asleep in the arms of his Redeemer, August 15th, 1831, in the 70th year of his age, having been pastor of the church at Ivinghoe twenty-seven years.

CLARK, THOMAS,

A FAITHFUL minister of the gospel, who for some years was the beloved pastor of the Baptist church assembling in the meeting house, Ashford, Kent. He entered into his rest, 17th February, 1853, in the 67th year of his age.

CLARKE, ADAM, LL.D.,

AN eminent Methodist minister, born in the north of Ireland, 1762. He was brought savingly to know the Lord when young, and was admitted a student at Kingswood near Bristol. Here he began to preach and labour in the ministry and as an author. Dr. Clarke was a good, laborious, and self-denying man. His learning was, perhaps, more extensive than sound. But he turned his acquirements to advantage, for the good of souls and for the improvement of his fellow men. He was attacked with malignant Asiatic cholera, of which he died in the year 1832.

CLARKE, GEORGE,

AN excellent and godly minister of the Independent denomination, and who was for the last seven years of his valuable life the faithful and devoted pastor of the Christian church and congregation at Ponder's End, Middlesex. He ceased from his labours and entered into his everlasting rest on the 3rd of April, 1832, aged 56 years.

CLARKE, OWEN,

FOR many years minister of God's Word, at Vernon Chapel, Bagnigge Wells Road, London, where, as the faithful pastor of the Baptist church meeting there, he dispensed the word of life, and rightly divided the word of truth. Having

served his generation according to the will of God he died deeply lamented by the church and congregation, 17th of January, 1859, in the 68th year of his age.

CLAYTON, JOHN, SENIOR,

A NATIVE of Lancashire, from whence he absconded during his apprenticeship, and came to London. He was induced by a sister, to whose house he had fled, to go with her to hear Mr. Romaine, at Blackfriars. Like another Onesimus he was arrested in his flight. Under the first sermon he heard from Mr. Romaine, the whole gospel plan of salvation burst into his soul, and that impression remained with him to the last. The day dawned and the day-star arose in his heart, and from that moment it was daylight with his soul. So clear and forcible were the views he then had of the gospel, that he longed to make known the glad tidings to others. Through Mr. Romaine he became known to the Countess of Huntingdon, who received him into her college at Trevecca. He afterwards accepted an invitation to the pastorate over the church and congregation assembling at the King's Weigh House, Great East Cheap, London, where, for the long period of *sixty years*, he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ. In doctrine he was sound and uncorrupt, and his practical applications were with great earnestness and fidelity, searching, as

with a candle, the inmost recesses of the heart. He was called to his everlasting rest, full of days and honours, like a shock of corn, fully ripe, on the 22nd of September, 1843, aged 89.

CLAYTON, JOHN, JUNIOR,

ELDEST son of the above, was for many years the eminent and beloved pastor of the Independent church at the Poultry Chapel, London. He died at Bath on the 3rd of October, 1865, aged 86 years.

CLAYTON, WILLIAM,

SECOND son of the above, was for twenty-two years the valuable pastor of the Christian church at Saffron Waldon, Essex, and afterwards became chaplain to the Grammar School, Mill Hill, which office he retained for seven years, and was called from earth to heaven on the 6th of January, 1857, in the 71st year of his age.

CLAYTON, GEORGE,

THIRD son of the above, was the honoured pastor of the church of Christ in York Street Chapel, Walworth, where for more than fifty-one years he laboured an eminent and faithful minister of Jesus Christ. He finished his useful course on the 14th of July, 1862, in the 74th year of his age.

On a neat monument erected in the cemetery at Abney Park, to the memory of this honoured family, are the words:— "*Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they are not divided.*"

CLEMENT, JOHN,

THE excellent pastor of the Baptist church, New Mill, near Tring, Herts, was born 1750. He had some concern about his soul when young, which kept him from many gross sins. As he grew up, he was driven about by every wind of doctrine, till by Divine teaching he found that salvation is "not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." In 1772, he was baptized and added to the church of New Mill, where, for sixteen years, he continued an honourable member, often assisting the pastor in his work; after whose decease, he was chosen by the church to succeed him as their pastor on the 15th of July, 1788. This office he filled with honour and credit, both to himself and the cause, for twenty-four years. Humble, faithful, consistent, he was the honoured instrument of bringing many to the feet of Jesus. When his race was run, he said: "*It's just all over!*" and lay down gently, falling asleep in Jesus, February 17th, 1812, aged 63.

CLIFT, ZENAS,

Of Westbury Leigh, Hunts, and for many years pastor of the Baptist church, Crockerton, near Warminster. He was born 2nd of February, 1783. At an early age the Holy Spirit convinced him of sin, and brought him to a saving knowledge of Christ under the ministry of Mr. Marshman, *then* pastor of the Baptist church, Westbury Leigh, who afterwards baptized him, and received him into the church. About the year 1809 he was called to preach the gospel in the villages around, and subsequently was invited to the pastorate of the church at Crockerton. Here he made full proof of his ministry, and laboured with much success till he fell asleep in the Lord, on the 20th of December, 1862, in the 80th year of his pilgrimage. "He rests from his labours, and his works follow him."

COBBIN, INGRAM, A.M.

This valuable servant of Christ was born in London, December, 1777. Early in life he was made a partaker of Divine grace, and his heart was opened to receive the truth as it is in Jèsus. He began to preach in Devonshire, and in the year 1802, was ordained pastor over the Independent church at South Moulton. Some years after he went to Banbury, and from thence to Holloway, and finally to Lymington, Hants; where, after remaining for many months in a

hopeless state of health, he was compelled to relinquish preaching altogether, and in the year 1817, his career as a Christian pastor terminated. But he was not inactive in the Lord's service. In 1819 he was honoured to be the founder of the "Home Missionary Society," and for several years was its able secretary. He also devoted himself to authorship. The "Evangelical Synopsis," the "Condensed," "Domestic" and other commentaries, prove his devotedness. His end was peaceful and happy, "Blessed be God," he said, "I have not a doubt. The righteousness of Christ is my trust." Being asked if he still felt the Lord precious, he gathered up his expiring energy and uttered one word, "Unchangeable!" This was his last breath, and immediately he fell asleep, 10th of March, 1851, in the 73rd year of his age.

COLEMAN, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Bexley Heath, Kent, where, full of years, in peace and hope of a glorious immortality, he closed his eyes on earth, October 4th, 1848. Mr. Coleman had been formerly, for many years, the minister of the Baptist church, Colnbrook, Bucks, where his mortal remains were interred.

COLYER, WILLIAM HENRY.

THIS highly valued minister of the gospel, who planted the Baptist church at Foots Cray, Kent, was born at Farningham, 1783. His parents were in affluent circumstances, and designed him for the bar, but God had ordained him for nobler work, and by Divine grace, brought him to consecrate his superior powers of mind to the service of the gospel. He began to preach in his own hired house, and sometimes at St. Mary's Cray. In 1813, the paper mill at Foot's Cray was fitted up and opened for public worship, where he continued to preach for many years, beloved and honoured by his flock, until the present chapel was built: in which, and in the prosperity of the cause, he took the liveliest interest. His abilities becoming known to the churches, he was frequently engaged to preach in London and various provincial towns on special occasions. Mr. Colyer never took the pastorate, and during his many years' valuable ministry, always kept up his fellowship with the church at Eynsford, where he had been baptized by the pastor, John Rogers. After the death of the latter Mr. Colyer aroused the energies of the friends, and encouraged them to persevere in upholding the order and discipline of the church, and would often invite the ministers supplying there to his house. The compiler well remembers spending a day with him, little thinking, however, that his distinguished host was

listening to his sermon on the previous day, when preaching at Eynsford chapel; and though nearly thirty years has rolled away since then, he has a vivid recollection of Mr. Colyer's learned, evangelical, and bold exposition of several passages of scripture. He was a man remarkably nervous, often suffering from heart disease, and his days were now nearly numbered. He preached his last sermon at the anniversary at Foot's Cray Chapel, from Job, xxvi. 14, "*To read the book of Job and understand it, you must know much of Job's devil, and much of Job's God,*" was one of his *last* utterances. On the morning of the following day when his housekeeper entered his chamber, she was alarmed, the doctor was summoned, but the man of God was not, "for God had taken him" to realms of everlasting rest, on the 10th of September, 1845, aged 62 years.

COLLYER, WILLIAM BENGO, D.D.,

Of Hanover Chapel, Peckham. He was, perhaps, the most distinguished non-conformist minister of his generation, sent out early into the vineyard; he began to preach when about eighteen years of age. The noble sanctuary, called—out of respect to the Royal Family — Hanover Chapel, was erected for him in Peckham, Surrey, where for the long period of half a century, he ably and faithfully filled the pastoral office. He also

officiated as chaplain to His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, until the death of that lamented prince. Dr. Collyer was a considerable writer, and published several valuable theological works and hymns. He was summoned to his eternal rest on the 9th of January, 1854.

COOPER, WILLIAM,

Of Dublin, for many years an eminent leading minister among the Independents in that city. Some forty years ago the compiler knew him well, and frequently heard him on public occasions during his annual visits to London. His ministry was a blessing to many ; and faithful unto death, he received the crown of life, January 22nd, 1848, aged 71.

COOPER, JOSHUA,

Formerly, and for many years, the faithful and devoted pastor of the Baptist church, Stoke Ash, Suffolk. During his later years, he resided at Finborough in that county, and occasionally preached around that neighbourhood. Bowed down under the weight of age and infirmities, he became utterly helpless for a considerable time previous to his being called to receive his reward, which took place, 9th of January, 1859, in the 87th year of his age.

COOKE, JOHN,

Of Maidenhead, Berks, an excellent minister of Jesus Christ, was born in London, December, 1760. Left an orphan in an unfriendly world at the early age of seven years, he was placed with a friend in Essex, and as he often said: "When my father and mother forsook me, the Lord took me up." When about seventeen, his mind was powerfully affected with his state as a sinner, and he would often fall upon his knees to cry for mercy. But some time after being in London, a friend took him to the Tabernacle, Moorfields, where he heard good Mr. Kinsman of Plymouth. This was the *first* time the gospel tidings ever reached his ear: it entered into his heart, and became the power of God to his salvation. He soon began to preach that gospel to others in the neighbourhood of Woburn, Buckinghamshire, and in the year 1783 his steps were directed to Maidenhead. The people and the place were very limited; small were his beginnings, but soon the place was too strait, many were added to the Lord, and in 1785 a large substantial chapel was built. Here he laboured in season and out of season, a workman that needed not to be ashamed to the end of his days. Mr. Cooke was for many years one of the able and acceptable supplies at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Chapel, London. The closing scene was very short. While undressing for bed, he was seized with a violent fit which deprived him of speech. He put forth his hand

and affectionately shook hands with his family, shook his head very significantly, and then closed his eyes, never more to open them on this shadowy scene. His peaceful exit was on the 19th of October, 1826, aged 66 years, and in the 43rd year of his ministry at Maidenhead.

COMB, GEORGE,

MINISTER of Soho Chapel, London, was a native of Edinburgh, and was born 12th of February, 1782. His early years were spent under the roof of an afflicted and widowed mother. From a child he had been the subject of some concern of mind about eternity, but as he advanced in years that wore off, until he had even been tinctured with infidel notions, and regardless of all the means of grace. About the age of nineteen, he left Scotland and came to London, where he indulged in gaieties, and imbibed a strong inclination for theatricals. A pious friend hearing him reciting from Shakespeare, said: "*Mr. Comb speaks well for the devil, who can tell but he may one day speak for God?*" This good man lent him a book to read: it was a volume of the Old Gospel Magazine, where, on reading "The death of John Calvin," his soul became deeply impressed, and afterwards, with his friend, he attended the faithful ministry of John Hyatt at Tottenham Court Chapel, where the gospel was made the power of God to his salvation. Mr. Comb was

soon afterwards removed to Guildford in Surrey, where, along with his friend, John Andrews Jones, he was baptized, and with him was united to the church there, then under the pastoral care of Mr. Wood. But they were very soon sent out to preach the gospel, Mr. Jones to Hartley Row, and Mr. Comb to Horsell Common, where, for ten years, he faithfully broke the bread of life, and in 1823 was removed to London, where, at length, a commodious chapel was erected for him at Soho, and here for more than seventeen years he laboured in a prominent position with fidelity and zeal until the Master called him home. Some of his last words were: "My pilgrimage is ended. All my hope in Christ is stayed. Good-bye, good-bye to you all," and then, "Glory! Honour! Majesty! Wonderful! Ready to save!" were the last utterances on his quivering lips. And without a groan, his happy spirit fled to be for ever with the Lord, 20th February, 1841, aged 59.

COUSINS, JAMES.

THIS devoted servant of Christ was born in Pembrokeshire, 1788. When about seventeen it pleased God to reveal His Son in him, and make him a new creature in Christ Jesus. Some few years after he was sent out to preach the gospel of Christ, who said, "Son, go work to-day in My vineyard." He entered on his great work, and

from year to year, laboured to make full proof of his ministry. He was for twenty-five years the diligent and faithful pastor of the Baptist church at Stanley, and peacefully expired on the 1st of August, 1862, "looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

COWPER, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the gospel, Lower Dicker, near Hailsham, Sussex, where, for more than thirty years, he was the faithful and beloved pastor of the Baptist church meeting there. On the 19th of June, 1857, he was suddenly attacked with an illness which prostrated him both in body and mind; he received this as a warning from the Lord that his work was done. Notwithstanding, he was enabled on the following Lord's day, to address the church and congregation in a very solemn manner, and with affectionate exhortations "that as they had received Christ Jesus the Lord, so to walk in him." This was his *dying testimony*, although he lived *four years* exactly from that very Sabbath. He was never able to preach or converse much again; his last intelligible speech was *prayer*, and then the fatal stroke so entirely paralysed him, that he never moved or spoke again, except a few sounds expressive of faith and peace: "*Rest and glory*," were especially heard, and then he appeared to sleep, and this scripture came as a voice from

heaven. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." His spirit returned to God who gave it, on the 19th of June, 1861.

COX, FRANCIS AUGUSTUS, LL.D.,

A VERY influential and popular minister of the present century, was born at Leighton Buzzard, Northamptonshire, 7th of March, 1783. His first sermon was delivered before he was sixteen years of age, in his native town, which at once indicated his future eminence in the Christian ministry. His first pastoral charge was at Clipstone, Northamptonshire. The celebrated Robert Hall, Andrew Fuller, and the venerable Sutcliff united in the services of his ordination. In the year 1805 he came to London, and some time after was settled over the Baptist church in Mare Street, Hackney; here he continued all his long and useful life, for forty-two years its valued pastor. In his last hours he said: "My reliance is on Christ *only*. He is all in all; His love is infinite!" He closed his eyes and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, September 5th, 1853. Dr. Cox's literary labours consist of the "Life of Melancthon," "Female Scripture Biography," "History of the Baptist Missionary Society," &c.

CRAMP, THOMAS.

THIS venerable servant of Christ was for many years the faithful and devoted pastor of the Baptist church, St. Peters, Ramsgate. After a ministry of more than *sixty-three* years, he finished his course in a good old age, and full of days, in peace and hope, and calmly slept in the Lord 17th of November, 1851.

CRISP, THOMAS,

A PROMINENT minister and able president of the Baptist College, Bristol. He was born at Beccles, Suffolk, 1788. When at Wymondly, he laid the foundation of those studious habits which lasted as long as his life. In 1818, he was called to take the oversight of the church at Broadmead, where, for fifty years, he faithfully dispensed the word of life. He was a burning and shining light in his day; but at length was compelled through failing health to retire from public labour. He died in the Lord in faith and peace, after a lingering illness, 1868, at the age of 80 years.

CREASY, ROBERT,

SOME time minister of the gospel at March, Cambridgeshire, and well known in many parts of the country as a faithful servant of the Lord. He preached three times the Sunday before his

death, and administered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. His last text was: "We are the clay, and Thou art our potter." A few days after he was taken suddenly ill, the Master had come and called for him. After some endearing conversation with his wife, and counsels to his children, he said: "Amen and amen! I will now gather up my feet and go to sleep." He did so, and about ten o'clock died in his sleep, without a struggle or groan, on the 2nd of January, 1848, aged 44 years, and in the 21st of his ministry.

CROLE, ANTHONY,

AN able and faithful minister of the New Testament. He was a native of Scotland, and for more than thirty years pastor of the church of Christ meeting at Founder's Hall in the city of London. He experienced the happy change from faith to sight, from hope to everlasting enjoyment, in the 63rd year of his age. He was buried in Bunhill Fields, July 14th, 1803, Dr. Waugh and Matthew Wilks officiating.

CROOK, JAMES,

BAPTIST MINISTER, Somersham, Suffolk. He was twenty-one years pastor of the Baptist church in that village, and previously pastor over the church at Charlgrove, Oxon, for nine years. He had

maintained an honourable profession for fifty years, having been baptized in the year 1799, at Princes Risborough, Bucks. He departed this mortal life and entered into the joy of his Lord, September 4th, 1859, aged 83 years.

CROSS, NIC,

WAS thirty years minister of the Independent congregation at Trowbridge. Through growing infirmities he resigned his charge, after spending the vigour of his days in his Master's service, and died peacefully in the Lord, July 21st, 1803, in his 72nd year.

CUBITT, JAMES,

BORN at Neatishead, Norfolk, 1803, was brought to know the Lord at a very early age. After the death of his excellent father, he was removed to Norwich, where, in 1828, he was baptized and united with the church under Mr. Puntis; and the following year entered as student at Stepney College. During his residence here he preached at Ilford, Essex, Stratford-on-Avon, and in Gloucestershire; and at length took the pastoral charge of the church at Thrapston, Northamptonshire, where he laboured for twelve years, a period marked by much peace and happiness in the church. In the year 1862, disease obliged him to resign; in his retirement, for a time, he

seemed benefited. But his feeble frame gave way, and at length he fell asleep in Jesus, on the 5th of August, 1863. He was interred by his own desire in the graveyard of the Baptist church, Thrapston.

CULVER, WILLIAM,

Upwards of thirty years pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Enon Chapel, Woolwich, and who, for his attachment to the cause of Chist, the affection of his disposition, and the spirituality of his mind, lived and died in the affectionate esteem of all who knew him. He departed this life on the 9th of September, 1827, aged 82 years.

CURTIS, DANIEL,

Of Homerton Row, Hackney, was born about 1799. He was brought to know and fear the Lord in his youth, and in 1815 was baptized at Blandford Street Chapel and united to the church there under the pastoral care of good John Keeble: after whose death, Mr. Curtis left, and was the principal means of erecting Mount Zion Chapel for the ministry of Mr. John Foreman, who was chosen pastor of the church collected there. Here Mr. Curtis sustained the office of deacon, worthily and honourably, for more than ten years: during which time he frequently laboured in preaching the gospel both in town

and country. On the death of Mr. Eason, the former pastor of Homerton Row Chapel, Mr. Curtis was invited to preach to the bereaved church, and was ordained pastor over them, August 8th, 1837, where, for sixteen years, he dwelt among his own people, labouring in word and doctrine, as a workman who needed not to be ashamed. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, as a good minister of Jesus Christ and "given to hospitality." But at length his work was done; a first and second attack of paralysis laid him low, and brought him to his death-chamber. It was affecting to hear him say, when seized with the last attack: "*Where's my arm?* But it's all right, it's all right! God can't do wrong." His last utterances were: "Jesus, my Lord, my righteousness!" and he breathed out his ransomed spirit, on his Saviour's bosom, June 26th, 1853, in the 54th year of his age.

CURWEN, SPEDDING,

THIS distinguished minister was born at Whitehaven, January 19, 1790. Under mistaken notions he sought some special revelation to assure him of his own salvation. But under the able ministry of Mr. Parsons, of Leeds, his views of truth became more clear and scriptural, and he found peace in reliance on the atoning merits of Jesus. In the year 1814 he was called to the ministry, and in 1822 was invited to the pastorate of the

church in Barbican, London, where he became known, and his pulpit and platform labours were frequent. In 1828 he left London for Frome, Somersetshire, while by a singular providence his friend Dr. Tidman left Frome for Barbican, thus exchanging spheres of labour for which each was adapted. He was many years after called by the church at Reading, Berks, to be their pastor, and with them he remained to his dying day, approving himself to every man's conscience in the sight of God. After faithfully serving them for seventeen years the Master called him home. In his dying hour he said, "I have been wanting what God will not give me—what he has never promised to give me—a direct personal assurance. I could have wished him to have said, 'Thou, Spedding Curwen, art an heir of glory.' But no, I will lay hold on his promise, '*Whosoever will;* Come unto Me, *all* ye that labour.' And so I come not as a minister, but as a poor sinner saved by grace alone." Thus he passed away into everlasting rest on January 9, 1856, in the 66th year of his age and 41st of his ministry.

DARK, STEPHEN,

A FAITHFUL, humble servant of Jesus Christ, well known in Devizes, Market-Lavington, and other parts of Wiltshire, and pastor of the Baptist church, Salem Chapel, Devizes. After faithfully serving his generation he was marvellously sus-

tained in his last days by the presence of his Lord and Master. "*Jehovah - Shammah!*" and the words, "*Glory! glory!*" were uttered by his quivering lips, as his spirit fled to the bosom of his Saviour God, on the 14th of March, 1855, in the 66th year of his age.

DAVIES, JOHN,

PASTOR of the church assembling in Hare Court, Aldersgate Street, London. The public labours of this amiable and faithful servant of Christ were soon arrested by disease. During his short ministry he filled his space with worthy deeds and not with lingering years. His labours were honourable and useful, and he was faithful unto death, which took place May 21, 1826, in the 45th year of his age.

DAVIS, RICHARD,

OF Walworth, was born at Chatham, Kent. His father, the esteemed pastor there, died a few months before his birth. The instructions he received from his grandfather were greatly blessed to him, and while yet young he was brought to the feet of Jesus. He commenced his ministry at Rye, in Sussex, and in 1800 settled at Byrom Street, Liverpool, as successor to the venerable Samuel Medley. Here he laboured for some twelve years or more, during which

time he frequently supplied the pulpits at Tottenham Court Road and the Tabernacle, Moorfields, London. In the year 1819 Mr. Davis took the pastorate over the Baptist church in East Street, Walworth, where he finished his honourable course after a ministry of thirteen years. His preaching was fervid and clear, and he was much beloved. In his last hours he called his sons—three of whom were in the ministry—and addressed them in the language of Jacob, "The angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads!" and on behalf of his only daughter he supplicated the blessings of "The upper and nether springs." And with reference to himself he said, "It grieves me to the heart that I have not served Christ better. However, *It is not the service I have rendered Christ* which now gives me hope, but *the service He has rendered for me. It is not my having preached the gospel to others,* but *the gospel I have preached,* that supports me now." The last audible sentence was, "Lord have mercy upon me *now!*" and in a few moments he fell asleep in Jesus, June 17, 1832.

DE-COURCY, R., A.M.

THIS excellent evangelical clergyman was for thirty years vicar of St. Alkmond's, Shrewsbury; his labours were abundantly blessed to all classes of people, his views of the gospel clear and powerful. His death was occasioned by the bursting of a blood vessel, November 4, 1803.

DENHAM, THOMAS,

Was born in London, 1768. He became a member of the Baptist church under the pastoral care of Mr. James Upton, in Church Street, Blackfriars. Some years after he commenced preaching, first to a small congregation at Limehouse, afterwards at Great Garden Street, Whitechapel, and then at King Street, Commercial Road. He preached only a week previous to his being summoned to his heavenly rest, which took place on the 14th of March, 1838, in the 71st year of his age.

DENHAM, DAVID,

Son of the above Thomas Denham, was born April 12, 1791. When about sixteen years of age he became a teacher in the Sunday school at Surrey Chapel, and sat under the ministry of Rowland Hill. But seeing the importance of believers' baptism, he was baptized at Horsleydown, and soon after was engaged as a supply by the London Itinerant Society, preaching his first sermon at Norwood, Surrey. In the year 1810 he became pastor of the Baptist church, Horsell Common, and in 1816 removed to Plymouth, where his ministry was universally popular, and continued to be a source of pleasure and profit to many for several years. He was afterwards removed to Margate, where he usefully laboured for ten years, and in 1834 became pastor of the

Baptist church in Unicorn Yard, Tooley Street, London, where his ministry was much valued and sought after. Here he remained several years, until illness interrupted his labours so frequently as to cause him to resign his charge. From London he went to Cheltenham, and from thence to Oxford. In the month of November, 1848, being invited to spend a few weeks at Yeovil, Somersetshire, he went and preached for two or three weeks, but on the Lord's day morning of the 25th, he was suddenly arrested by the messenger Death! while he yet stood in the pulpit his eyes grew dim and his voice muffled (it was a fit of apoplexy); he lingered nearly a fortnight, during which time many precious sentences he spoke to the comfort of his friends, and after lying a whole day in utter unconsciousness, entered his own "*sweet home*," December 8, 1848. Mr. Denham was for forty years a minister of the gospel, gifted with a sweet poetic vein, which his "Saints' Melody" abundantly proves. Thousands, with the compiler, who loved and valued him in life, mourned his loss from our ranks as a fellow soldier of the cross. His dust sleeps in hope in the burial ground of Bunhill Fields, mingling with the blessed dead who died in the Lord, until the morning of the resurrection, when they shall—

> "Burst the tomb in sweet surprise,
> And in the Saviour's image rise."

DOUDNEY, GEORGE DAVID,

MINISTER of Charles Chapel, Plymouth. This excellent servant of God was called early to be a partaker of divine grace, and under the ministry of Gadsby, Nunn, and Triggs, was nourished in word and doctrine. He afterwards entered Cambridge University, and in April, 1849, settled for a while in the incumbency of Dunlewey, preaching his first sermon among the peasantry of Ireland. At the end of 1851 he became minister of Charles Chapel, where he continued to the close of life, ministering to large, loving, and attentive congregations. In the year 1863 he was appointed chaplain to Plymouth gaol, and in constant visitations and preaching to the prisoners, found congenial employment; his labours were now incessant. At length his health gave way, and he preached his last sermon on May 7, 1865: after this he gradually sunk. He said, "I feel it such a mercy I have nothing to settle; all is done, and well done!" On his pillow being raised, one said, "There your head won't sink now." He looked up intently and exclaimed, "What! I sink! how can I sink with such a prop as my eternal God?" and immediately breathed out his spirit into the arms of his Lord and Saviour, 1866.

DREW, SAMUEL.

THIS excellent and useful minister of the gospel was born in St. Austell, Cornwall, 1765. While

he was in his apprenticeship his soul was awakened by divine grace, and soon after joined the Wesleyans, who appointed him a local preacher. He afterwards settled in London, where his numerous writings rendered him popular and powerful as a preacher. Failing health at length induced him to return into Cornwall, and there he finished his faithful and laborious course, 1833, after a ministry of near fifty years.

DUBOURG, STEPHEN AUGUSTINE,

WAS born in London December 26, 1786, of Roman Catholic parents. He however in early life renounced the errors of Rome, and attended the ministry of Rowland Hill. Subsequently he was united to the church at Gate Street Chapel, Holborn, whose valued pastor, Griffith Williams, commended him to the work of the ministry. In 1812 he was ordained at Stockwell Chapel, and settled at Oxted, Surrey, in the service of the Surrey Mission, where he laboured for seventeen years. In 1828 he became the minister of the Independent church at Marden, Kent, and from thence in the year 1834, settled as the pastor of the church at Park Road Chapel, Clapham. Here for eighteen years he lived and laboured with many blessings attending his testimony. A stroke of paralysis laid him aside, and took him home to rest from his labours, April 17, 1852, aged 66 years, having spent forty years in the ministry.

DUNN, EDWARD ALEXANDER,

FOR many years the active secretary to the Home Missionary Society, and for forty-two years pastor of the Independent church, Buckingham Chapel, Pimlico, where, to the close of a useful and honourable life, he preached the gospel of the grace of God with fidelity, zeal, and success. He received the crown of life on January 10, 1850, in the 72nd year of his age.

DYMOTT, JOHN,

FORTY years the tried and faithful pastor of the Baptist church at Hilperton; after suffering the will of God in several years' affliction, his release was signed, and he entered into his everlasting rest on January 7, 1848, aged 72.

DYER, SAMUEL.

THIS devoted servant of Christ, and missionary of the Cross to China, was born January 20, 1804, at the Royal Hospital for Seamen, Greenwich, of which his father, John Dyer, Esq., held the responsible office of secretary. Samuel was brought to know and fear the Lord from his youth. He was sent to a school kept by a good minister of the gospel at Woolwich, and from thence to Gosport, under the able tutorship of Dr. Bogue. Mr. Dyer was thrust into the ministry while yet

young, and preached Christ crucified in various places, the Lord blessing the word with signs following. On the 20th of February, 1827, he was ordained at Paddington Chapel as a missionary to China, and on the 10th of the following month he quitted the shores of England, amidst the prayers and tears of many. At Penang, Malacca, and Singapore he laboured more abundantly in preaching the word, establishing schools, and translating the scriptures, with other works connected with the mission. And after a useful career of sixteen years in the Chinese Empire, this laborious minister of the gospel was called home to his rest. He caught a malignant fever while at Canton, which terminated his mortal existence in a few days. His end was perfect peace; once or twice he said, "Blessed Jesus! sweet Saviour! I go to be with thee," and then calmly resigned his spirit into the hands of his great Redeemer, on October 24, 1843, at the early age of 39.

EARLEY, WILLIAM,

For half a century a good and faithful minister of the sanctuary, and for the last twenty-eight years of his ministry the pastor of the Baptist church at Wootton, Beds. His last sufferings were very great, but he was supported under them by the gospel he preached so long to others. He departed this life in peace and hope, on the 5th of April, 1853, aged 79.

EASON, THOMAS,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Homerton Row, Hackney, and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, who crowned his labours with much success. He was pastor at Homerton for some years, and afterwards removed to Chatteris, and then to the Isle of Ely. But, owing to great affliction, he felt obliged to relinquish pastoral duties. For the last four years of his life he supplied the lack of service of his brethren who needed help. He departed this life peacefully in the Lord, on the 27th of February, 1851, in his 69th year, and was interred in Abney Park Cemetery.

EDMINSON, ROBERT,

A GOOD minister of the New Testament, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at Bratton, Wiltshire. He finished his course with joy, at Cambridge, May 19, 1848, in his 68th year.

ELY, JOHN.

THIS talented and amiable minister of the gospel was born at Rochester, Kent, August 20, 1793. He had been pastor of the Independent chapel in Rochdale for nineteen years, and subsequently at East Parade Chapel, Leeds, completing a ministry of thirty-three years at both places. In his dying declaration he said, "It is on the fulness, free-

ness, and all-sufficiency of Christ, in His person and offices, that I repose my only hope of salvation; this is the doctrine I have preached, and in this I now find support." His last words were, "I rely on pardoning blood;" and thus he passed away in the midst of his usefulness, October 9, 1847, in the 55th year of his age.

ELLIOTT, RICHARD,

Of Devizes, Wilts. Born in London, December 18, 1780, and in his 14th year was called by the grace of God under the powerful ministry of William Romaine, of Blackfriars. His first attempts to preach were in the villages around London; and in 1803 he was ordained to the work of the ministry at Devizes, where for more than half a century he was the devoted and faithful pastor over the church. His end was peace—a peace built on a solid foundation, not to be disturbed by the solemnities of death—and he fell asleep in Jesus on the 18th of February, 1853, aged 72.

EVANS, JOHN,

For thirty-two years minister of the Baptist church and congregation at Abingdon, Berks. He was a faithful, zealous, and enlightened advocate of the gospel of the grace of God. The solicitude shown by so many during his illness,

and the deep regret at his decease was a testimony of the high regard in which he was held. He finished his course and rested from his labours July 1st, 1813, in the 58th year of his age.

EVANS, CHRISTMAS,

BAPTIST minister of Anglesea, in Wales. This eminent and truly gifted servant of Christ and the church, was born in Cardiganshire on Christmas-day, 1766. By the loss of his parents he was cast on the world a helpless orphan, and spent his youth in a servile condition in the direst poverty, and without friend or home; but "the Lord took him up," and separated him from the ungodliness of surrounding influences. From ten years of age he was constantly exercised with the fear of death, and when about seventeen he united with a Christian church. In his twenty-third year he went forth preaching the gospel in the different counties of the principality: for many years he might be truly designated the bishop of North and South Wales. At Anglesea, Caerphilly, Cardiff, and other places, he planted churches, watched over them with a shepherd's care, as one that must give account. Nor were his labours limited to his native country. In England, and especially in London, his ministrations were eagerly sought and valued by thousands, who with breathless attention hung upon

his lips. After labouring in the sanctuary for *fifty-three* years, this prince in Israel at last sunk under the pressure of disease. On his dying bed he said to his friends, "Look at me, I am nothing but ruin; but look at me in Christ, I am heaven and salvation." A few moments before his departure he looked smilingly on them, then waving his hand, he exclaimed, "*Good-bye! Drive on!*" as if horses and chariots of fire had come to bear him home, and sunk into a calm sleep, awaking no more. Thus died, full of years, labours, and honours, and on the high places of the field, Christmas Evans, on the 19th of July, 1838.

EVANS, JAMES HARRINGTON, M.A.,

For thirty years the eminent and faithful pastor of the Baptist church in John Street, Bedford Row, London. His father, Dr. Evans, was prebend of Salisbury Cathedral, and Mr. Evans being an only son, his education was guarded and guided in favour of the Established Church, in which, at a very early age, he ministered at Milford, in Hampshire. Here he was for a time; but as truth shone upon his mind, error receded, he could no longer conform, as he was now *transformed* in his mind. He left the establishment, but remained at Milford, where a chapel was built, and where he was followed, and his ministry made a blessing to many. Somewhere

about 1816 he was removed to London, where a handsome and capacious chapel was erected for him in John Street, Bedford Row, the gift of Henry Drummond, Esq. As a minister, Mr. Evans had his peculiar sphere of labour. Endowed with splendid gifts and great grace, fitting him for that position in which God honoured him for so many years, the influence of his powerful ministry in awakening the conscience, establishing the weak, comforting the desponding, and directing the inquirer, will not be known until the great day; and deeply is his memory embalmed in the recollections of the writer, who, in younger years, was favoured to sit under his soul-searching, savoury, and instructive ministry. Indeed, the preaching of Mr. Evans was like the very few published works he left behind, and clearly show that his aim was at the *heart* more than at the *head*. The immediate cause of his death was a fall from his chaise—the horse took fright and he was thrown out—abscesses and erysipelas supervened, under which he sunk, and entered the joy of his Lord December 1st, 1849, aged 65. His remains were deposited at Highgate Cemetery, Mr. Shepherd, the Hon. Baptist Noel, and Octavius Winslow officiating. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

EVERETT, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the Independent church and congre-

gation in Whittlesea, where for thirty-five years he faithfully laboured in the gospel. He was a good man, and feared God above many. He finished his course and received his crown on the 18th of February, 1847, in the 70th year of his pilgrimage.

EYRE, JOHN,

AN excellent and truly laborious minister of the gospel at Hackney. He was the original editor of the "Evangelical Magazine," and a director of the London Missionary Society. He fell asleep in Jesus at the early age of 49, on the 28th of March, 1803.

FAWCETT, JOHN, D.D.,

THE venerable pastor of the Baptist church, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. More than half a century of his long and laborious life was devoted to the discharge of his ministerial duties, and to the publication of numerous works connected with Christian truths, many of which had an extensive circulation. In the year 1778, he published an admirable "Essay on Anger," a copy of which having been presented to George III., the monarch was so interested that he sent to know in what way he could serve the author. Dr. Fawcett declined accepting any personal reward Shortly after, the son of a respectable man having

been condemned to death for forgery, the Doctor wrote to the King reminding him of his promise, and humbly asking a respite for the unhappy youth. The petition was most favourably received, and the culprit saved. Dr. Fawcett took an active part in conducting the Academy, first at Brierly Hall, and afterwards removed to Ewood Hall. But increasing infirmities at length induced him to retire to the neighbourhood of Hebden Bridge, where he was chiefly employed in writing his "Devotional Family Bible." A few months before his departure he was attacked with a paralytic stroke, which closed his ministerial work, and in the bosom of his family, at Ewood Hall, he ended his days in peace, sweetly sustained by those truths he had so long preached to others, on the 25th of July, 1817, aged 78.

FISHER, DANIEL, D.D.,

PASTOR of the Baptist church at Warminster, Wiltshire. He afterwards successively filled the important departments of classical and theological tutor in the Protestant Dissenters' Academy at Homerton—the duties of these stations he performed with fidelity and success during a period of more than fifty years. He finished his labours on the 13th of August, 1807, aged 76.

FLETCHER, JOSEPH, D.D.,

THIS eminent Nonconformist minister was

formerly pastor at Blackburn, Lancashire, and afterwards took the oversight of the church meeting in Stepney, London, where for twenty years he ably ministered in word and doctrine. *Faithful unto death,* he received the crown of life, June 8, 1843, aged 58 years.

FLETCHER, ALEXANDER, D.D.,

An earnest, popular, and talented minister of the gospel in the Presbyterian church. He was born in Perthshire, on the 11th of April, 1787. In his twenty-third year he came to London and preached for some years in Miles's Lane, and afterwards was appointed to the pastorate of the church at Finsbury Chapel, Moorfields, over which he presided forty-nine years. Dr. Fletcher was deservedly popular and beloved among the Sunday-schools of the metropolis. Tens of thousands remember his heart-stirring addresses to the young on Christmas-days, and other special occasions. He lived to be the oldest pastor in London, and died in faith and hope, September 30th, 1860, after a faithful ministry of more than fifty-four years.

FLORY, BENJAMIN,

Upwards of fifty years a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, and pastor of the church at Spalding and Donnington, Lincolnshire. His end was in

the faith of those precious truths of grace made known by the Holy Spirit who maketh Christ all in all! Just before his departure he said, "I have seen the Lord! Emmanuel is His name!" When asked, "Is He precious?" his countenance lighted up with radiant joy as he replied, "Yes, yes, Jesus is precious!" and his redeemed soul passed away to be for ever with the Lord, December 28th, 1858, aged 77 years.

FOSTER, JOHN,

THIS celebrated Baptist minister, remarkable for his logical and powerful style, was born in Yorkshire, 1770. At an early age he attracted the notice of Dr. Fawcett, of Hebden Bridge, by whose influence he was sent to the Baptist College, Bristol, where he studied under Dr. Ryland. After preaching for some years, he became pastor of the Baptist church at Downend, near Bristol. In his later years he relinquished preaching, devoting himself to literature. His reputation is chiefly founded on his "Essays," which are very valuable, and have exerted considerable influence. He published also a work on "The Evils of Popular Ignorance." Altogether he was a singular character, more able and useful as a writer than as a minister. He finished his appointed course in a good old age, and closed his eyes on all mortal scenes in 1843.

FOSTER, JOSEPH H.,

FOR many years the faithful and beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Uckfield, in the county of Sussex, was born in 1760. For nearly seventy years he laboured in the gospel of Christ. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Mr. Foster was well-read, of considerable energy of mind, and through his honest exertions realised a handsome competency. During his declining years he was peculiarly favoured: possessing a firm faith and good hope through grace of eternal life, he declared that he dreaded death no more than going to sleep, and he would speak of the eternal meeting with joy shining in his aged countenance, which made it delightful to be favoured with his company. He preached his last sermon from the words, "Blessed are all they that trust in Him." He was not able to speak more than a quarter of an hour, but those who heard it, said it was the best sermon he ever preached, solid, savoury, and encouraging. He departed this life at Hailsham, and entered his everlasting rest on his birthday, January 23rd, 1857, having reached the patriarchal age of 97 years. His funeral was attended by vast numbers, who testified their veneration for his memory by their silent tears. Mr. Haycroft, of Lewes, delivered the oration over his grave, and the compiler of these memorials preached to the sorrowing survivors at the Baptist chapel, Hailsham, from the words, "I have fought a good

fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," &c.

FOSTER, JOSEPH.

THIS amiable servant of Christ and His church was pastor of the Baptist church, Scarborough, Yorkshire. His godly zeal endeared him to many, and rendered his early removal a subject of painful regret. He was sustained during a severe affliction by the gospel he had preached, and died in the hope it inspired, closing his short and useful career at the house of his brother, the Rev. Luke Foster, Blackburn, Lancashire, on the 28th of February, 1826, aged 24.

FOWLER, HENRY,

A DEEPLY-EXERCISED minister of the gospel—for many years the faithful and beloved pastor of the church and congregation meeting in Gower Street Chapel, London. He was born in Devonshire on the 11th of December, 1779. His ministry was singularly owned and blessed of God to many. Like Barnabas, he was a true son of consolation to the tried and exercised among the household of faith. He endured "a great fight of affliction," but came off more than conqueror at the last, shouting "Victory! victory through the blood of the Lamb!" He received his crown on the 15th of December, 1838, and was buried

in Bunhill Fields on Christmas-day. Mr. Frederick Silver and several other ministers officiating.

FOX, JOSEPH,

For some years the faithful and affectionate pastor of the Baptist church assembling at Poulton, Somerset. He died in the Lord in the prime of life, and in the height of his usefulness, September 11th, 1847.

FRANCIS, GEORGE,

Of Snow's Fields meeting-house, Southwark. He says of himself, "The Sun of Righteousness began to shine into my soul at the early age of ten years," and he ever after felt a great concern for salvation; but, seeking and trusting in his own native strength, made no progress, but rather grew worse, till about seventeen years of age, when, under the ministry of that eminent man of God, William Romaine, the doors of his soul were thrown open, and the Lord was pleased to deepen the work of his grace, and establish him in the way of righteousness. Some years after he began to preach the gospel in a great variety of places, though surrounded with many distressing circumstances, and great straits in his family. About the year 1813 a Baptist church was formed in Snow's Fields—most of the members being the

fruits of his labours—and he was invited to take the oversight of them in the Lord, and there for nearly forty years he stood a plain, upright, humble-minded man of truth, and a faithful preacher of the everlasting gospel. He finished his course with joy. While a friend whispered his favourite text in his ears, "Underneath are the everlasting arms," he opened his eyes, smiled and said, "That will do;" and in a few minutes the vital spark fled, on the 5th of January, 1848, aged 80 years. "*Whose faith follow.*"

FREER, RICHARD,

MORE than forty years a well-known and acceptable minister of the gospel, and for the last twelve years of his life pastor of the church of Christ in Cumberland Street, Shoreditch, London. When heart and flesh were failing, he was afforded a rich experience of the comforts of the gospel, and died strong in faith and hope, July 2nd, 1823, at the age of 65. The venerable Matthew Wilks and other ministers officiated at his interment in Bunhill Fields.

FRANKLIN, JONATHAN,

FORMERLY pastor of the Baptist church, Croydon, in Surrey. He afterwards removed and took charge of a people who separated from the church at Little Alie Street, London, and met for wor-

ship in Redcross Street, Cripplegate. Here Mr. Franklin laboured for twenty-six years, and finished his course with joy in a good old age, May 1833.

FREEMAN, ADAM,

A FAITHFUL minister of the gospel, and the beloved pastor of the Baptist church at Queen Street Chapel, Woolwich, where for half a century he was assisted to preach the truth as it is in Jesus, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, turn many to righteousness. His last illness was of short duration. But his trust was fixed on the Rock of Ages. To a friend who inquired how he felt, he said, "Jesus lives, the gospel bears my spirit up." He then quoted his favourite verse, "A guilty, weak, and helpless worm"—repeating the words "*my strength and righteousness*," with much fervour,—and soon after, in the most gentle manner conceivable, he breathed his soul into the hands of the Saviour he had trusted and served for *sixty years*.

FULLER, ANDREW,

FOR thirty-one years pastor of the church and congregation at Kettering, Northamptonshire, and secretary to the Baptist Missionary Society. This eminent and laborious servant of God was born on the 6th of February, 1754, at Wicken,

Cambridgeshire. Brought in early years to know the Lord, in 1770 he was baptized and received into the church at Soham, under the pastoral care of Mr. John Eve. His talents for public speaking having become known, he was sent out into the work of the ministry, and in the year 1783 was set apart to the pastoral office over the church at Kettering. In 1792 the Baptist Missionary Society was instituted in which he undertook the office of secretary, and discharged the duties of that office laboriously and successfully for twenty-three years. His long and painful journeys, incessant preaching, and various writings on theological subjects are well known, and *some* of them, perhaps, better known than appreciated, as far as certain opinions he entertained. His last sermon was preached in his own pulpit on Lord's-day, on the 2nd of April, 1815. In prospect of his dissolution, he thus wrote to Dr. Ryland, "If I never more see your face in the flesh, I could wish one last testimony of our brotherly love and of the truth of the gospel to be expressed by your preaching my funeral sermon, if it can be from Rom. viii. 10." While able to converse he had no raptures, but as he expressed it, "I have a *hope* in the strength of which I could plunge into eternity." His last intelligible words were, "I would die as a penitent sinner at the foot of the cross, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. I have been a great sinner, and if I am saved at all,

it *must* be by great and sovereign grace." He was called to the joy of his Lord on Sabbath-day, May 7th, 1815, in the 62nd year of his age. The celebrated Robert Hall, of Bristol, said, "*A great man* is fallen! I scarcely knew a man whose whole life has been so entirely and laboriously devoted to the cause of God."

GADSBY, WILLIAM,

Of Manchester, was born at Attleborough, Warwickshire, January 3, 1773. When about twenty years of age he was baptized and united with the church at Coventry, under the care of Mr. Butterworth. He received his dismission from this church in 1796, and joined a few people that met in a barn at Hinkly. His first sermon was preached on Whit-Sunday, 1798, at Bedworth, and soon after a chapel was erected for him at Desford, Leicestershire. In the year 1805 he removed to Manchester, where he remained until his death. While over the church at Manchester Mr. Gadsby travelled over 60,000 miles, and preached nearly 12,000 sermons. He was singularly consistent with his profession; kindness and friendship were conspicuous in his whole life. Benevolent and hospitable, he was constantly engaged in acts of mercy, and in dealing out bread to the hungry. He was pre-eminently a good man, and was made a blessing to thousands. He was called home January 27, 1844, in the 71st year of his age.

GATES, JAMES,

THIRTY-THREE years pastor of the Baptist church, Sandhurst, Kent. He was born at Bristol 1775, and was sent out to preach while a member of the church in Little Alie Street, London, then under the pastoral care of Mr. Shenston. Mr. Gates was ordained over the church at Sandhurst in 1811, where he continued to the close of life, a faithful witness for God and truth. After a few days' illness he entered into rest, expressing a sweet confidence that the truths he had preached and lived upon so long were his support now heart and flesh were failing. He fell asleep in Jesus, January 25, 1845.

GAWTHORNE, THOMAS R.,

FOR more than half a century the faithful and beloved pastor of the Independent church, Belper, in Derbyshire. He ceased from his labours, and entered into rest, October 21, 1847, in the 83rd year of his age.

GEARD, JOHN.

THIS venerable minister of the gospel was for nearly *sixty-four* years the beloved and venerated pastor of the Baptist church at Hitchin, Herts. He was ordained there, April 13, 1775, and entered into the joy of his Lord, November 20, 1838. He was a faithful, devoted, and successful servant of Jesus Christ.

GEORGE, JOHN,

THIRTY-SEVEN years pastor of the Baptist church, Shouldham Street, Paddington, where his ministry was made a blessing to many. Through age and infirmities he relinquished his stated labours at Shouldham Street, and seemed to outlive his usefulness. He died peacefully, in a good old age, December, 1846.

GILBERT, GEORGE,

CALLED the apostle of Sussex. For sixty years pastor of the Independent church at Heathfield Chapel, in the county of Sussex. He was born at Rotherfield, 1741, and for some years was a soldier serving in General Eliot's regiment of light horse in Germany. After faithfully serving his generation, he was called full of years to receive his crown, March 23, 1827, aged 86 years. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost."

GITTENS, THOMAS WILLIAM,

OF Camden Town, was born at Portsea, February 22, 1791. He was brought to know the Lord under the ministry of Mr. Griffin, of Portsea, and when about twenty years of age was united to the church under his care. In the year 1818 he removed to London, and settled under the ministry of the excellent John Rees, of Crown Street, Soho. Some years after he joined the London

Itinerant Society, and devoted himself to preaching the gospel. At length a little band in Camden Town, who had been formed into a Christian church, invited Mr. Gittens to preach to them. Discovering his worth they urged him to continue, and in 1832 he was ordained pastor over them in the Lord. A few years after a chapel was erected capable of accommodating eight hundred persons, besides schools. Mr. Gittens was an energetic fervent preacher, a sound divine, and a faithful expositor of God's word, and his labours were abundantly blessed. His last days were days of suffering, yet the fervour of his spirit was manifested. "*My defence,*" said he, "*is in the munition of Rocks; each glorious doctrine is a lofty rock on which my soul rests secure. God's everlasting love, my Saviour's perfect atonement, the Spirit's power and grace, these are all rocks on which I rest with confidence.*" His last faint and dying words were, "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" he literally fell asleep in Jesus while the name was still lingering on his lips, on May 21, 1859, aged 68 years.

"I'll speak the honours of thy name
With my last labouring breath,
Then dying clasp thee in my arms,
The antidote of death."

GLADWISH, THOMAS,

BAPTIST minister at Matfield Green, Kent, where for more than thirty years he laboured as

the esteemed and faithful pastor of the united churches of Brenchley and Lamberhurst, Kent. He finished his work and entered his heavenly rest, November 23, 1847, in the 60th year of his age.

GLOVER, RICHARD,

MANY years pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Akerman Street, Tring, in Hertfordshire. And although he had resigned his charge for many years in consequence of declining health, he was greatly esteemed by the church and the friends generally, till the Master called him home. His dying testimony was—

> "I shall behold His face
> I shall His power adore,
> And sing the wonders of His grace
> For evermore."

He departed this life in the year 1861, aged 76.

GODDEN, GEORGE HENRY,

MINISTER of Corpus Christi Chapel, Stonehouse. He was the friend and hearer of John Hawker, son of Dr. Hawker, of Plymouth. Before his call by divine grace he was an officer in the Royal Navy, but immediately retired on half-pay, abandoning all his bright prospects of promotion for the service of God and truth, which, as a minister of the gospel, he discharged with fidelity and

unblemished reputation, for a period of seventeen years. He used to say he held *two* commissions, but would willingly give up the first if it interfered with the latter. The ministry of Mr. Godden was much blessed in Stonehouse and elsewhere. He lived as he died, he died as he lived, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, April 3, 1852.

GOLD, GEORGE.

FOR forty years the valuable pastor of the Independent church and congregation at West Ham, Essex. In his dying moments he exclaimed, "Tell it out—to sinners tell. He saved me without any help of mine!' He received the crown of life on January 29, 1810, aged 66 years.

GRACE, JOHN,

MINISTER of West Street Chapel, Brighton, where for many years he was the faithful and respected pastor. Many persons of wealth visit Brighton, and these have a retinue of servants, to many of these servants his ministry was signally owned and blessed. The master or the mistress is passed by, they *must* go to church; the servant creeps into the chapel, where divine grace lays hold of his heart. The last illness of Mr. Grace was short and somewhat sudden, but his loins were girt and his light burning, and reclining on the everlasting arms laid beneath him, he gently passed away

into the presence of the Lord, whom he loved and had so long and faithfully served, March, 1865. "For ever with the Lord."

GRANT, PETER,

BAPTIST minister of Grantown, was in some respects a remarkable man. Early in life, through the powerful preaching of the Haldanes, his heart was arrested by the power of divine truth, and soon he began to preach the gospel. It is a singular coincidence that upon the favourite spot where he took his stand, when preaching out-of-doors, the chapel was erected, in which for so many years Mr. Grant proclaimed the gospel. He was a blessing to many souls, a faithful pastor, a genial, warm-hearted, and devout man. He was called to his everlasting rest, 1868, at the honourable age of 84 years.

GRAY, WILLIAM,

WAS the beloved pastor of the Baptist church, College Street, Northampton, where he preached the word of life with fidelity and earnestness, till he ceased from his labours in his 72nd year, on November 7, 1848.

GREATHEED, SAMUEL, F.S.A.,

THIS learned and useful servant of Jesus Christ, was pastor of the Independent chapel, Newport

Pagnal, and one of the first and most generous friends and directors of the London Missionary Society. In his last moments he said, "*A sinner* relying, and relying confidently and simply, upon Christ my Saviour!" and then sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, February 15, 1823.

GREEN, FRANCIS HENRY,

An endeared young servant of God, and pastor of the Independent church, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire. He was born in London, where his parents were members of Dr. Rippon's church; but of their guardianship he was soon deprived, and at seven years of age was left an orphan. An uncle took charge of him and brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and he had the happiness to see him brought to the Saviour's feet, united with him in the church of which he was a member, and in the year 1836 sent into the ministry. His probationary services proving so very acceptable, he became pastor of the church at Chedworth, Wiltshire. In the year 1839 he was chosen pastor of the church at Moreton, and here he ended his days on earth, after a few brief years' ministry, February 22, 1844, at the early age of 33 years.

GREENWAY, I. G.,

For twenty-three years the beloved pastor of the tist church, Netherton, near Dudley. He was

faithful unto death, and in faith and hope died in the Lord, on February 22, 1847, in the 63rd year of his age.

GREIG, GEORGE,

MINISTER of the Scots Presbyterian Church in Crown Court, Covent Garden. He was ordained there as pastor in 1805, and there for a period of twenty-six years he laboured with great acceptance and considerable success. He departed this life to be for ever with the Lord, November, 1830, at the age of 52 years.

GROSER, WILLIAM,

FOR many years editor of the Baptist Magazine. He successively ministered the gospel at Risborough, Battle, Maidstone, and Chelsea. At Maidstone his labours extended over a period of nineteen years. He served the Baptist Missionary Society long and faithfully, and at the time of his decease filled the office of secretary to the Baptist Irish Society. Perhaps he was one of the most useful and honest of that section of the denomination to which he belonged. He entered into rest August 6, 1856, aged 65.

GRUNDEN, RICHARD.

THIS man of God was for twenty-eight years pastor of the Baptist church at Sharnbrook, Bed-

fordshire, and for the last fifteen years of his ministry, the valued pastor of the church at Ringstead, Northamptonshire. Christ and his Cross was all his theme through life, and his strong consolation in death. In his last moments he said, "All's well; I don't want a better gospel, a better God, or a better Saviour!" He then closed his eyes and slept in Jesus, August 9, 1814, aged 82 years.

HADDOCK, JOHN,

MINISTER of the gospel at Brough, Westmoreland. At the age of nineteen, he was united to the Independent church, and shortly after began to study for the ministry under his pastor, Mr. Jackson, of Green Hammerton. He preached for some time at Thirsk, after which he was ordained pastor over the ancient church at Parkhead, Cumberland, where, for thirteen years, he ministered the word of life; from thence he came to Brough, where, until his death, a period of more than twenty years, he laboured hard in preaching, visiting the sick, and walking many miles to the villages. Towards the close of life he was unable to leave home, but was sweetly sustained to the last. When the 17th of John was read, in his last moments, he was asked if he heard. "Oh, yes!" said he, "It's a precious portion! yes! to be with Christ!" and then gently breathed out his soul into the hands of his Redeemer, on the 17th of July, 1858.

HALDANE, JAMES ALEXANDER,

PASTOR of the Baptist church at the Tabernacle, Leith Walk, Edinburgh. This truly great and good man, while declining any ecclesiastical designation, faithfully and zealously discharged the pastoral office for fifty-four years. In early life he was a commander in the Navy, but the distinguishing grace of God called him from thence, and he voluntarily relinquished his profession, and the prospect of promotion it afforded, for the gospel's sake. Through his instrumentality his *brother, Robert,* also became "a new creature in Christ Jesus;" and he again was honoured of God to open the blind eyes of many who sought his instructions while at Geneva. Among these may be mentioned Frederick Monod, Merle D'Aubigne, Felix Neff, and others. These and many more constitute the seals of the apostleship of the brothers, James and Robert Haldane. Robert was called to his everlasting rest in the year 1842, and James finished his course with joy on the 8th of February, 1851, in the 83rd year of his age.

HALL, ROBERT, A.M.

THIS eminent Baptist minister was born in 1764, at Arnsby, Leicestershire, where his father was pastor of the Baptist church. He very early showed a work of grace was in his soul, and the eloquence for which he was afterwards distin-

guished, was so soon displayed, that one of his father's friends invited a number of people to hear him preach when he was only *eleven* years old. He was afterwards sent to the Bristol Academy for the ministry. His first charge was as co-pastor at Broadmead Chapel, and tutor of Bristol Academy. In 1791 he succeeded the celebrated Robert Robinson at Cambridge, and here his eloquence and writings brought him great popularity. But in 1804 a serious mental affliction compelled him for a time to relinquish his ministry. In 1807 he became pastor of the church in Harvey Lane, Leicester, and remained there till 1826, when he returned to Bristol, and continued his pastoral office there to the end of his life. An illness of about ten days terminated his valuable labours, during which he said: "Oh! what should I do *now* without Christ? he is my only stay, my hope and salvation. Why should a living man complain?" He fell asleep on the bosom of his Saviour, breathing the words, "*Come, Lord Jesus,*" on the 21st of February, 1831.

HAMBLIN, JOSEPH,

FORMERLY pastor of the Baptist church and congregation, East Lane, Walworth, and where, for more than nine years, he ceased not to teach and preach Jesus. He afterwards became minister of Foot's Cray Chapel, Kent, and finally settled at Orpington Chapel, in the same county, where he

continued to break the bread of life to the end of his days. He breathed out his soul on the 27th day of August, 1867, in the 72nd year of his age.

HAMILTON, RICHARD WINTER, D.D.

A WELL-KNOWN, eloquent Independent minister of Leeds, Yorkshire; his death was occasioned by erysipelas in the arm. This eminent man retained his great faculties unclouded, and his assurance of salvation through the blood of the Lamb, not merely strong but transporting. He entered the port of endless rest on the 18th of July, 1848, aged 54 years.

HAMILTON, JAMES, D.D.,

WAS born at Paisley in 1814: his father was minister of the parish of Strathblane. James was his eldest son and was at an early age the subject of converting grace, and grew in devoted attachment to the doctrinal views of the good old Puritans. After a short ministry in Perthshire, he was called in 1841 to the pastorate of the church at Regent Square, London, where the celebrated Edward Irving ministered, and here, for twenty-six years, he laboured both by the pulpit and press, in the proclamation of sound doctrine, with distinguished ability and success. He finished his course and passed away with these words on his lips—"A sinner saved by grace!" 23rd of November, 1867.

HAMMOND, EDWARD RANSOM,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Town-Malling, Kent, was born at Brettenham, Suffolk, 19th of June, 1795. When about twenty years of age he was deeply convinced of sin and brought for months into great searchings of heart, and soul distress: but the Holy Ghost brought him to realize his interest in the atonement, and to enjoy peace in believing. He was baptized and united to the church at Clover Street, Chatham, Kent, under the pastoral care of Mr. W. G. Lewis. Here he became an active and able Sunday-school teacher, and frequently preached in the villages around. Returning to Suffolk he was soon invited to preach at Hadleigh. Early in the year 1832 he settled over the church at Clare, and in 1841 was chosen pastor of the church at Romney Street, Westminster. Under the guidance of wisdom that never errs, he was conducted to Malling in Kent, and in May, 1848, was publicly recognised as pastor of the Baptist church there. This was his crowning work. Here he finished his course: here the scene closed. In his last illness he said: "My sufferings are fearful, but not more than needful. God afflicts me with one hand and upholds me with the other." In his last moments he breathed out his desires thus:—

> "Lord! shorten these delaying days,
> And bring the promised hour."

Thus his ransomed spirit entered heaven with

prayer, and his poor mortal body peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, on the 9th of May, 1860, in the 65th year of his age.

HARDCASTLE, CHARLES,

TWENTY years the devoted pastor of the Baptist church at Waterford in Ireland. The church and all classes of the community mourned his loss. He died of typhus fever, in faith and hope of eternal life, July 1st, 1847.

HARDY, THOMAS,

MINISTER of the gospel, Leicester. This well-known and deservedly esteemed servant of God was born July 22nd, 1790, at Kirby Lane, near Leicester. He was the subject of deep convictions, and a work of saving grace was wrought in his heart, at the early age of fourteen years. About the year 1816 he began to expound the scriptures at Leicester in a private house, and being possessed of great natural abilities, with a deep soul experience of the Word, the congregation so increased, that in about a year after he removed with his people to a school-room, and in 1818 the chapel was built for him in York Street, Leicester, where he laboured in word and doctrine to the end of his days. Mr. Hardy's ministry was valued by thousands in the metropolis and different parts of England, which he visited on public oc-

casions. He was favoured to speak a word in season to the weary, tried, and tempted, to comfort the mourners in Zion, and to feed the poor of the flock. This able and laborious servant of the Cross finished his appointed course and entered into rest in the year 1833, in the 43rd year of his age, and the sixteenth of his ministry.

HARGREAVES, JAMES.

THIS venerable servant of God was pastor of the Baptist church, Waltham Abbey, Essex. He began his ministry at Ogden in Lancashire, 1798, where he spent many years usefully and honourably, till, at the invitation of the church in Little Wild Street, London, he removed there in 1822. After a period of seven years he settled down at Waltham Abbey, and became pastor of the church there, where he remained to the end of his life. A few hours before his departure he expressed himself thus: "O, how precious the thought, that *all is settled,* and that I can now commit my soul into the hands of my Redeemer." On whose bosom he then fell asleep, September 16th, 1845, aged 77 years.

HARRY, NUN MORGAN,

A TRULY devoted man of God, born in Pembrokeshire, 4th of June, 1800, ordained to the ministry over the church at Banbury, Oxfordshire, in the

year 1827, and was chosen pastor of the church of Protestant Dissenters in New Broad Street, London, in 1832. Here with fidelity and zeal he continued to the end of his days: a period of ten years. He lived in the affections of his flock and was highly esteemed by his brethren, extensively useful in life, and tranquil in death. He rested from his labours on the 22nd of October, 1842, at the comparatively early age of 42 years.

HARRIS WILLIAM, LL.D.

THIS esteemed and learned minister of the gospel was theological tutor in Highbury College, London, and pastor of the Independent church at Stoke Newington. He ceased from his honourable labours, and entered into peace and rest on the 3rd of January, 1830, aged 53 years.

HARRIS, JOHN, D.D.,

A CELEBRATED Nonconformist, minister and principal of New College, London. He was born on the 8th of March, 1802, in the south of Devon. While yet young he had the fear of God placed in his heart. He used to read to an old blind soldier, Bunyan's Pilgrim: on coming to the description of the conflict between Christian and Apolyon, the blind soldier exclaimed: "Ah! we hadn't such a man in all our regiment as that Christian." John chimed in and said: "No, he

belonged to a regiment which I shall join if I ever fight, for I think he must have had a good Captain." In his seventeenth year he became a member of the church at the Tabernacle, Rodborough, whose pastor was the excellent John Rees. After some years he entered Hoxton Academy, and in 1825 was ordained pastor over the church at Epsom, Surrey, where he remained twelve years. It was here he wrote many valuable papers in the Congregational and Evangelical Magazines, and his famous Essay, "Mammon," which obtained the prize of one hundred guineas. In 1838 he was made tutor of Cheshunt College, and in 1850 became principal of New College. The closing scene in the life and labours of Dr. Harris came suddenly; but with calmness, he said: "I'm in the hands of our great Master." When asked if his hope of salvation was in Christ, he replied: "Entirely! entirely! I rejoice." He whispered, "Author and Finisher of faith. Complete work. Glorious manifestation!" then closing his eyes, breathed out: "God be merciful to me, a—" and fell asleep in Jesus on the 21st of December, 1856, in the 55th year of his age.

HARVEY, MATTHEW,

Was for more than twenty-eight years the faithful and beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Horham, Suffolk. By a stroke of paralysis he

was removed from his earthly tabernacle, and united with those who came out of great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, June 22nd, 1853, aged 76 years.

HASLOP, WILLIAM THORP,

SOME time pastor of the Baptist church at Shalom Chapel, Hackney Road, was born on the 14th of November, 1809, at Needingworth, Hunts. His father was minister of the Baptist chapel, Fenstanton, and afterwards at Over, Cambridgeshire. Mr. Haslop was brought to know the Lord under the ministry of that eminent servant of Christ, Charles Simeon, at Cambridge. On his removal to London he was baptized by John A. Jones, at Jireh Chapel, and was united to the church there. After filling the deacon's office for several years he was called to preach the gospel, first at St. Albans, and afterwards at Hackney, where he was ordained pastor over the church at Shalom Chapel. His labours in the ministry were but brief. After months of much suffering, he said, when life was ebbing fast: "The truths I have spoken to others, support *me now*. I want no other Saviour, I have known Him as *my* Saviour more than thirty years." He then sank into a profound slumber, from which he never awoke, and on the 21st of February, 1860, left this world for brighter and better worlds on high, in the 51st year of his age.

HAWKER, ROBERT, D.D.,

VICAR of Charles, Plymouth. This venerable and able minister of the gospel laboured in preaching the word of life, and by the numerous productions of his pen, for more than half a century. His "Commentary on the Holy Scriptures," "Poor Man's Concordance," and numerous valuable writings are well known to Christians of all denominations. But his "Poor Man's Morning and Evening Portions" are, perhaps, the most popular; it is the household book for the family; thousands in our British Israel bless God and revere the author's memory for such a treasure. His long pastoral assiduity endeared him to a large parish. His public services in other parts of the kingdom—and in London especially—has embalmed his memory in the recollections of thousands who sat under his powerful and attractive ministry. Being strong in faith he gave glory to God, and was an example to believers in word, in conversation, in charity. He was mighty in the Scriptures, and did not shun to declare all the counsel of God. A short time before he passed into eternity he read Psalm xxiii., and spake sweetly on the "*Shadow of Death.*" "Oh!" said he, "Christ hath abolished it and left only the *shadow* for His people to pass through;" again he remarked: "I have unutterable things to say, but not *now.*" Then lifting up his soul in prayer, he used this plea: "Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever." With these

precious words sounding from his quivering lips, he breathed out his spirit into the arms of Jesus, on the 6th day of April, 1827, and in the 74th year of his age.

"My Father! My Father!
The chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof."

HAY, ALEXANDER,

MINISTER of St. John's Chapel, Warrington, in the late Countess of Huntingdon's connection. He was born 16th of June, 1780, at Wycombe Marsh, Bucks, and brought to fear the Lord in his youth by the Divine blessing attending the ministry of Rev. J. Broadbelt, Loudwater. Mr. Hay entered Cheshunt College with a view to the ministry and in 1803 was admitted as travelling preacher in the Countess's connection, preaching at Brighton, Lewes, Cork, and many other places, and removed to Warrington, in the year 1806, in the 27th year of his age, where he laboured with peculiar earnestness and ability upwards of twenty years, till, worn out in the service of God, he sunk, and with a mind stayed upon the truths which he had preached, fell asleep in Jesus, May 17th, 1827, in the 47th year of his age, "*A workman that rightly divided the word of truth.*"

HEAP, HENRY,

WAS for many years minister of Bury Street Chapel, St. Mary-axe, City—formerly Dr. Watts's.

Mr. Heap was a bold intrepid preacher of the gospel, unsparing in his exposure and denouncement of the Socinian heresy. The compiler, in common with thousands, has many times been instructed and refreshed by his able energetic ministrations. On the expiration of the lease of the chapel in Bury Street, it passed into other hands. Mr. Heap afterwards preached in Union Chapel, Brixton, Surrey, where he laboured till the Master called him to his everlasting rest.

HEIGHTON, WILLIAM,

Of Road, Northamptonshire, a worthy minister of the gospel, and of very retired habits.

> "Along the cool, sequestered vale of life
> He kept the noiseless tenor of his way."

Mr. Heighton was born at Achurch, on the 2nd of September, 1752. The preaching of Dr. Haweis at Aldwinckle was the means of his saving conversion to God. About the year 1784 he commenced preaching, and in 1787 was ordained pastor of the church at Road, where, for forty years, with unwavering fidelity, he pursued the object of his ministry till the Master called him to receive his reward on the 24th of March, 1827.

HEMMING, JOHN, A.M.,

Thirty years pastor of the Baptist church, Kimbolton, Hunts. The gospel he had proclaimed

through life sustained him in death. His end was joy and peace, March 8th, 1847, in the 53rd year of his age.

HEUDEBURCK, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Christian church at Bishop's Hull, Somersetshire. He was born at Staines in Middlesex, 24th of February, 1784. In course of his ministerial visits to a poor family who were ill of typhus fever, he caught the infection, and after a few days he calmly slept in Jesus, March 16th, 1812, after a short ministry of six years and a half.

HEWS, FRANCIS,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Dunstable. This bright and shining light was suddenly removed in the midst of his usefulness, on the 15th of May, 1810, after a ministry of fifteen years, at the early age of 41. His labours were blessed to many souls.

HEWETT, JOHN,

THE honoured and beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Swaffham, Norfolk. About the year 1800, when sixteen years of age, he "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" by baptism, and joined the church at Wymondham; and about 1821 he began to preach, and removed to Swaffham, where in

1823 a substantial chapel was erected, and was the scene of his future labours, where his ministry was made a blessing to many. His closing scene was peace, and he gently fell asleep on the bosom of his Saviour, April 11, 1853.

HILLMAN, JAMES CHARLES,

TWELVE years pastor of the Old Baptist Chapel, Guildford, Surrey, was born in the county of Devonshire. During his youth his life was spent in folly, sin, and shame, and when a young man he drank deeply into infidel principles, scoffing at religion, and ridiculing those whom it influenced, till it pleased God to change his heart and make him a new creature, when "old things passed away, and behold all things became new!" After this he began to preach the truth he once would have crushed; preaching at Kingsbridge, Modbury, and other places in Devon. He was at length removed to London, and for several years laboured as the minister of Bethel Chapel, Deptford. In 1853 his steps were directed to Guildford, where for twelve years he faithfully served the office of pastor over the church at the old Baptist Chapel. Here he ended his life and labours, which were brought to a close by asthma and dropsy. His painful afflictions were borne with Christian fortitude and cheerfulness, till at length he entered into everlasting rest, on October 4, 1865, aged 66 years.

HILL, JOHN,

WAS born in London, 1753; his only boast was, "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of Christ!" He was a faithful minister of the gospel at Ravenstondale, for more than thirty years. He gently fell asleep in Jesus, November 26, 1809, aged 56 years.

HILL, ROWLAND, A.M.,

FORMERLY of St. John's College, Cambridge, and for half a century the zealous and devoted minister of Surrey Chapel, London. He was the *sixth* son of Sir Rowland Hill, Baronet, and the uncle of Lord Hill. Mr. Hill was born at Hawkstone, Shropshire, on the 23rd of August, 1745. While yet a school-boy at Eton the first beams of Divine light were shed upon his soul, and his conceptions of the truths of religion at this early age were so luminous and distinct, that he never saw occasion to alter them. His brother Richard (afterwards Sir Richard Hill) was the means, in the hands of the Holy Spirit, of his saving conversion to God. While at St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1766, he enjoyed the closest friendship and confidence of such worthies as Whitfield, Berridge, and Lady Huntingdon, who encouraged him in village preaching and itinerating throughout the country. In 1773 he was ordained, and preached his first sermon *in a church* at St. Werburg's, Bristol, to a large congregation, but

still continued preaching at the Tabernacle, London, and at Lady Huntingdon's chapels in various places, and also in the open air to tens of thousands, till in the year 1782, when the first stone of Surrey Chapel was laid, which was opened in the following year. Here he laboured in season and out of season during the long period of fifty years; multitudes were converted and turned to the Lord by his close and powerful ministry. Throughout Great Britain and Ireland he travelled and laboured on behalf of benevolent societies, Sunday schools, the London Missionary, and Bible Society. When near eighty years of age he thought nothing of six or seven sermons a week, yet was he deeply impressed with the solemnity of the work, and would say, "O for more of the Spirit to make us preach more spiritually!" He said of a certain preacher whose sermons were full of dry theology, with little or no unction, "He's a sprig of made-up divinity from a cold water academy." But the time drew on when Israel must die; the same humility and self-abasement which marked his character through life was visible in his last moments. He said, "Were I to live my life over again I would preach just the same doctrines I have done for *seventy* years." Once he remarked, "O infinite grace! let me but creep into heaven *through some crevice in the door*." Both when asleep and awake his favourite lines were frequently on his lips—

"And when I'm to die—
Receive me, I'll cry,
For Jesus hath loved me—I cannot say why."

Two eminent ministers, George Clayton of Walworth, and Thomas Jackson of Stockwell, were in his chamber; the latter said, "You would not give up the hope you have, sir, for all the world?" "No," said he, "*not for ten thousand thousand worlds!* Christ is everything to a dying sinner, but I want to be perfectly holy." The last sign of sensibility he gave was murmuring his favourite verse, "*And when I'm to die,*" &c., and in the evening of that day, April 11, 1833, his happy spirit was released from the bondage of mortality, without sigh, or groan, or any other evidence of the agony of a last struggle, at the patriarchal age of 89 years, having been nearly seventy years a preacher of the gospel. The excellent William Jay, of Bath, preached his funeral sermon from this appropriate text, "*Howl fir-trees, for the cedar is fallen!*"

HINTON, JAMES, M.A.,

A DISTINGUISHED Baptist minister of Oxford, where for the period of thirty-six years he laboured as the faithful, affectionate, and successful pastor of the Baptist church in that city. Mr. Hinton was born at Buckingham, 1760, and ended his useful and honourable career July 28, 1823, in the 63rd year of his age.

HINTON, ISAAC TAYLOR,

SON of the above James Hinton, and brother of J. H. Hinton, of London, was pastor of the first Baptist church in New Orleans, America. After some years spent in ministerial usefulness, he was attacked with yellow fever, of which he died in the faith and hope of the gospel, August 28th, 1847.

HITHERSAY, J.

THIS venerable minister of the cross was born at Calverton, Notts, 1782. Upon a profession of repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, he was baptized at Smalley, by the excellent William Pickering, after preaching the gospel for some years in surrounding villages. In 1834 he became pastor over the church at Kilham, labouring there about nine years, and then resigned his charge. He survived his retirement upwards of twenty years, and notwithstanding his advanced age, continued to preach the gospel in various places. His last sermon was preached at Ilkeston, August, 1865. The following day he was attacked with illness. He passed the night in prayer, and afterwards asked the nurse for some tea, but before she could leave the room to prepare it, the spirit had fled to that land where "they hunger no more, neither thirst any more," August 16, 1865.

HOCKLEY, WILLIAM,

BORN at Godalming, Surrey, November 25, 1751. At the age of fourteen he came to London full of wild-fire. He says, "One day meeting a companion, I took him by the hand and told him I was determined to play the very devil this summer. But O the rich and distinguishing grace of God! He plucked me as a brand from the fire." That very evening he was brought to hear the gospel, and *that* gospel was made the power of God to his salvation. He afterwards became a member at the Tabernacle, Moorfields, and was sent out from thence to preach. In 1797 he was removed to Newport, in Essex, and was chosen pastor over the Independent church in that place. Here he remained nearly eight years. On leaving, it does not appear he undertook any other stated charge, but was very extensively employed in itinerating, with much acceptance, preaching at Reading, Plymouth, Stonehouse, and numerous other places. He was an honoured labourer in the vineyard for sixty years, and preached his last sermon at Kingsland Chapel just a week before his departure. On his death-bed he said, "Lord, let not the labours of a poor worm be in vain, pardon the iniquities and shortcomings of my service!" and shortly after closed his eyes on all mortal scenes, August 29, 1833, aged 82.

HOLMAN, THOMAS.

THIS young minister of the everlasting gospel was pastor of the Baptist church, Taunton. He only laboured for a few months, and came to his father's house, Bideford, Devon, in hope of restoring his health, but alas, it was to sink into the arms of death. On the 19th of February, 1847, he suddenly burst a blood vessel; he had just time to say, "*I am going home!*" where he now sings the song of Moses and the Lamb.

"*Be ye also ready!*"

HOPLEY, THOMAS,

A GOOD minister of Jesus Christ at Hemel-Hempstead, Herts. He was born November, 1799, at Richmond, Surrey, and brought by divine grace to know the Lord in his youth. In the year 1818 he visited his uncle, Dr. Steadman, at Bradford, by whom he was baptized and admitted to the church under his pastoral care. After an extended probation, he was ordained pastor of the Baptist church, Hemel-Hempstead, July 8th, 1823, where he faithfully "served his generation by the will of God till he fell on sleep," and breathed out his soul into the hands of the Redeemer on the 11th of April, 1847, in the 48th year of his age.

HORBURY, J.,

PASTOR of the Particular Baptist church in Blackburn, where for more than eighteen years he went in and out before the flock and broke the bread of life unto them, and ministerially gave each a portion in due season. By a stroke of paralysis, the Master gave intimation that he was about to call His servant from labour to rest, and from earth to heaven. Many precious and striking remarks dropped from his lips during his departing moments: his last utterance was, "Blessed Jesus! blessed be thy holy name for thy holy word which declares 'we have' joy and peace through the blood of the Cross." After a few gasps he yielded up his breath on the 3rd of July, 1862, aged 62.

HORNBLOW, JOHN,

THIRTY-NINE years the faithful and beloved pastor of the Baptist church, Braintree, Essex. He was a native of Halstead, in the same county, and was brought savingly to know the truth under the preaching of the celebrated George Whitfield. Some years after he was baptized by the excellent Abraham Booth, by whom he was received into the church under his care. It was not long before he was sent to preach at Braintree, and at length was ordained pastor over the church there. Here he laboured with unwavering fidelity, and with many seals to his ministry,

for the period of thirty-nine years. He finished his course exclaiming, "What a mercy that the merits of Christ are complete! O to be found in Him living and dying!" when his redeemed spirit took its flight and left its mortal remains in the 73rd year of his age, on the 4th of June, 1816.

HORNE, WILLIAM WALES,

MANY years a celebrated preacher of the gospel in London—at Hephzibah Chapel, Limehouse, Wood Street, Cheapside, and Aldersgate Street. He was a very respectable Greek and Latin scholar. By his well-known work "Biblical Criticisms and Solutions of Difficult Texts," he has left a valuable treasure to the church, by which he, being dead, yet speaketh. He finished his life and labours and entered into the joy of his Lord on the 27th of July, 1826, aged 52.

HORSLEY, NATHAN,

OF Chatteris. This faithful servant of Christ was born at Soham, Cambridgeshire. In early life his steps were directed to London, where the good hand of God was upon him, and kept him from the many snares which abound in the metropolis. Under the ministry of John Foreman, of Paddington, he was rescued from the hand of the destroyer, and found a home in that sanctuary. It was here he was baptized and

united in church fellowship, and some years after his first exercises in preaching the gospel was encouraged in many of the little churches around London. In the year 1842 he was led to Burgh, in Lincolnshire, where he occupied the pulpit, and filled the pastoral office with faithfulness and zeal for more than eight years. In 1850 he was led to Chatteris, in Cambridgeshire. Here he received an invitation to the pastorate at Zion Chapel, where his ministry was soon found to be powerfully owned and blessed of God. Here he laboured to the close of his short but useful career, faithful, honest, fearless, and hearty. After five years' successful labour, he was brought on his dying bed, where he testified to the faithfulness of God. To a brother minister he said, "I am happy—Christ is *very* precious—I can leave all and feel perfectly resigned—come death *this minute*—an *hour*, a *week*, or a *month* hence. I am ready to depart." And then with great feeling he exclaimed, "Is this Heaven! and am I there?" and soon after his spirit fled to the mansions of the blessed, on the 25th of May, 1856.

HOSKINS, GEORGE,

Was for twelve years pastor of the Baptist church, Highbridge, Somersetshire. After preaching twice at Burnham, on Lord's-day, he retired to rest. But about one o'clock his wife was awoke by his hard breathing, and found him speechless.

Medical aid was instantly procured, but in vain. A voice had gone forth saying, "*The Master is come, and calleth for* thee!" April 19th, 1847, aged 41 years.

HOUSE, WILLIAM,

WAS for some years pastor of the Baptist church, Croydon, Surrey. He afterwards removed to London, where in 1822, Enon Chapel, Clements Lane, Strand, was built, and the Baptist church meeting in that place chose him to be their pastor. There he laboured, a plain and faithful minister of the gospel, with a large degree of success, preaching frequently on anniversaries and other special occasions, in various parts of the kingdom. In the Easter week of 1835 he preached at Chesham, Bucks, and the next day at Tring, Herts, and on the following day was attacked with a fit of apoplexy, of which he died, April, 1835. A stanza from *one* of the numerous hymns he wrote and published, fully describes his views and feelings in a dying hour.

"Christ shall be my *living* theme,
Christ shall be my *dying* hope;
All I want I find in Him,
Can I sink with such a prop?"

HOWELL, HENRY,

BORN in the county of Suffolk. As he advanced in life, he grew in notions of self-righteousness,

but was brought to experience the power of religion, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and professed his discipleship by being baptized in his name. He was called to preach about the year 1824, at Chelmsford, Essex, Rattlesden, in Suffolk, and finally at Kenninghall, Norfolk. His dying words were, "I am as satisfied of the reality of the person and work of Christ as though I saw him now, but I wait to behold Him face to face." The silver cord was loosened on the 31st of August, 1852, in the 53rd year of his age.

HUGHES, JOSEPH, A.M.,

Of Battersea, Surrey, was born in 1768. He was at an early period in life made a partaker of Divine grace, and led to devote himself to the Christian ministry. He studied at Bristol, under Caleb Evans and Robert Hall, and succeeded the latter as tutor. The celebrated John Foster was one of his pupils. After discharging the duties of this position with great efficiency for some years, Mr. Hughes took the pastorate of the Baptist church at Battersea. He was the founder of the British and Foreign Bible Society—a man eminent for his prudence and thorough devotedness to the Saviour's cause. He was beloved and honoured alike by churchmen and dissenters wherever he went. As a preacher, he was pathetic and fervent, and though the church at

Battersea was never in a very prosperous state under his ministry, it was entirely owing to his almost constant absence from home for the Bible Society. He finished his course on the 3rd of October, 1833.

HUMPHRIES, WILLIAM,

A VALUABLE and much respected Independent Minister of the gospel, and pastor of the church meeting in Hammersmith, Middlesex, where his amiable deportment, ardent piety, and zeal for God and truth, endeared him to all who knew him. He bore testimony with his dying breath to the truth and preciousness of the doctrine he had preached and taught in public for twenty-seven years. His redeemed spirit took its flight to glory on the 28th of September, 1808, aged 46 years.

HUMPHRIES, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Baptist Church at Braintree, Essex. For nineteen years he faithfully and devotedly laboured in the gospel, and, after a protracted and painful illness, fell on sleep July 13th, 1845. In his last utterances he said, "Into Thine hands I commit my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth!"

HUNTINGTON, WILLIAM.

THIS celebrated preacher of the gospel was born at Thames Ditton, Surrey. In his youth, and for some years, he was vicious and dissipated. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved him, quickened him by grace, and made him an able minister of the New Testament. Mr. Huntington was a man of great natural abilities, as his numerous published writings attest. And although a vein of self-conceit and infallibility ran through his ministry, he was plain and scriptural, experimental, contemplative, and laborious. His "Epistles of Faith," and "Contemplations on the God of Israel," are among the choicest productions of his pen, and by which he, being dead, yet speaketh. He finished his course, and died in the Lord, August, 1813, in the 70th year of his age.

HUTCHINGS, THOMAS,

UPWARDS of thirty years the well-known and esteemed pastor of the Baptist church, Unicorn Yard, Tooley Street, Southwark. He was born at Portsea, Hants, in 1763, and was favoured as one who "feared the Lord from his youth." He first preached at Rye, in Sussex, then at Chipping Ongar, in Essex, and in 1795 was settled over the church in Unicorn Yard. Here he laboured with great ability and success till the Master called him home. He dropped while praying in

his pulpit, on Sunday, February 27th; and on March 1st, 1827, he entered into rest.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

HYATT, JOHN,

MINISTER of the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Chapel, London. This devoted man of God was born on the 21st of January, 1767, at Sherborne, Dorsetshire. At the age of twenty, it pleased the Lord to call him by his grace, and soon afterwards he commenced the labours of a village preacher, and in 1799 was chosen pastor of the church in Frome, Somerset. Here he continued for six or seven years, during which time he was one of the annual supplies at the Tabernacle, Bristol, and the London Tabernacle, when, by the urgent request of the Rev. Matthew Wilks, and the churches at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Road, he became their resident minister in London as co-pastor with Mr. Wilks. Here, for upwards of twenty years, he laboured, and was one of the most popular preachers in his day. For more than ten years he was greatly afflicted with asthma, and at length it became a painful difficulty to engage in sanctuary service. The last sermon he preached was a fortnight before his dissolution, when he spoke with energy on the "Blood of sprinkling." On the day of his departure, he said, "*All is peace! He* hath made with me an everlasting covenant." In the hour

of his death his venerable colleague called, and in his usual quaint way said, "Well! is all right for another world?"—"Yes!" said the dying saint, "I am very happy." After prayer, Mr. Wilks said, "Well, my brother, if you had a *hundred souls*, could you commit them all to Christ *now?*"—alluding to an expression Mr. Hyatt often used in the pulpit. With a mighty and convulsive effort, he replied, "*A million!*" His last words were, "Happy! happy! happy!" and he instantly fell asleep in Jesus, 30th January, 1826, aged 60 years.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be *like his.*"

HYATT, CHARLES,

BROTHER to the above John Hyatt, and many years the well-known and respected pastor of the Independent church at Ebenezer Chapel, Shadwell. He was the able Secretary to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. After a long affliction, in which he enjoyed much peace in believing and bearing a sweet testimony to the consolations of that gospel he had preached to others, he slept with his fathers, on the 16th of March, 1847.

IRISH, DAVID.

THIS esteemed servant of Jesus Christ was for twenty-six years pastor of the Baptist church,

Warboys, Hunts, where he was honoured to see great good accomplished by his ministry. About the year 1855 he removed to Ramsey, where for nine years he discharged the pastoral office over the church in Salem Chapel, with fidelity and growing success: here he finished his labours. When laid aside by heart-disease, he was soon reduced to weakness which carried him to his heavenly rest. He conversed cheerfully on the state of his mind, and expressed his firm and only hope in Christ, whom he had so long preached, and who was now so very precious to him in a dying hour. He said to a brother minister, "Read something about my precious Saviour," after which he exclaimed, "Oh! my brother, let us sing, '*A day's march nearer home.*'" And soon after he exchanged earth for heaven, and entered into the joy of his Lord, October 20, 1865, aged 68.

IRONS, JOSEPH,

THIRTY-THREE years pastor of Grove Chapel, Camberwell Grove, Surrey, was born at Ware, Herts, November 5, 1785. His father, who was a most exemplary Christian, early trained his mind in sound religious principles, still he lived a stranger to the power of Divine truth until about the year 1803, when, listening to a sermon by the excellent W. A. Gunn, a sentence dropped from the preacher's mouth into the heart of young Joseph,

which set his soul at happy liberty, and brought him at once to declare on the Lord's side. He soon after joined himself to the church at Gate Street Chapel, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, under the pastoral care of that man of God, Griffith Williams. It was here, with much fear and trembling his mouth was first opened for God; he commenced his labours in the ministry of the gospel as a missionary of the London Itinerant Society, when about twenty-four years of age. In 1810 he was removed to Hoddesden, where he was ordained pastor, and where he was most signally honoured in the Lord's hand to the conversion of many souls. In the year 1815 he was led to Cambridge—a field of extensive usefulness —where he remained four years. But the Master had yet a wider field of usefulness for His servant Joseph to labour in, and in July, 1819, Grove Chapel, Camberwell, near London, was erected for him, and there with fidelity, zeal, and increasing success, he ministered to the close of his days. About the year 1821 Mr. Irons commenced his Wednesday evening lectures, first at Staining Lane, Wood Street, and afterwards at the Welsh Chapel, Jewin Crescent, which was thronged with attentive hearers: these lectures he continued until the year 1849, when failing health obliged him to relinquish them. His last sermon was preached at Grove Chapel, on Sunday morning, March 21, 1852, from 1 Tim. i. 15. After the service he was assisted into his chamber, from which he

never more removed alive. During his last hours he requested his valued friend, Richard Luckin, minister of Woodbridge Chapel, Clerkenwell, to preach his funeral sermon: "but mind," said he, "say nothing about me, but speak of my Master." Mr. Luckin wept, and said, "My dear brother, it will be a solemn service to me, but I can't do otherwise than speak of you as well as the Master." He replied, "Well then, dear brother, say but little about me. One thing you *can* say is —I have preached Jesus, loved Jesus, and longed to be with Jesus." He was not suffered to depart without hard grappling and fierce encounters with the enemy of souls, yet he held fast the confidence of his faith without wavering. He enjoyed sweet communion with God, frequently saying, "Precious, precious Saviour!" A friend said, "Underneath are the Everlasting arms." He opened his eyes and said, "Yes, they are." His last words were in evident allusion to the church in Grove Chapel, "*I the Lord will keep it!*" and then fell asleep in Jesus, April 3, 1852, in the 67th year of his age, and after a ministry of more than forty years. He was buried in his family vault, behind the pulpit in Grove Chapel. Mr. Luckin preached the funeral sermon from 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

IRVING, EDWARD, A.M.

THIS celebrated Presbyterian minister was a native of Scotland. Coming to London, he rose

to great eminence while minister at Hatton Garden Chapel, and afterwards at the Presbyterian Church in Regent Square, both as a preacher and an author. Notwithstanding his many strange eccentricities, with him they were more errors of the head than of the heart: he was a good man, and preached the gospel with power and unflinching integrity. The sect of *Irvingites* calling itself "the Catholic Apostolic Church" is a miserable caricature of him, and bears no manner of resemblance to him or to his sentiments. When ejected from the presbytery he went into Wales, and from thence to Glasgow, where he was called from time into eternity, on December 6, 1834, aged 43. Sensible to the last, his departing words were, "In life or in death I am the Lord's."

ISAAC, BENJAMIN,

MINISTER of the gospel, Hackney. Like all others, by nature he followed the devices and desires of his corrupt heart; until one day, when a young man, returning from a *race-course*, the arrow of conviction flashed across his conscience, he then dismounted from his horse and went behind a hedge to cry for mercy—the door of mercy was opened to him, and he found peace through Calvary's Blood. Under the ministry of Dr. Hawker, of Plymouth, his mind was enlightened, his soul fed and established in the great

doctrines of eternal truth. Soon after he began to publish to sinners round what a dear Saviour he had found. After some time his steps were directed to Hackney, near London, where for some years he laboured in the gospel at Shore Place Chapel. But that becoming too strait for him, he removed with the people to Gloucester Chapel, Hackney Fields, where for nearly twenty-six years he was the zealous, faithful, and beloved pastor. Mr. Isaac preached frequently in the fields and public places in the open air, and was the means of doing much good to many who never entered a place of worship till brought under his ministry. He finished his course, and entered into the joy of his Lord in the month of May, 1850.

It is with grateful recollections of the past the writer records this humble memorial to his pastor and friend, who was instrumental in first introducing him into the ministry.

ISBELL, GEORGE B.,

MINISTER of the gospel at Bethesda Chapel, Bath. While a gay thoughtless young man, he was in training for the Church of England, with the promise of a living. But the Holy Spirit fastened conviction on his mind by the faithful preaching of Mr. George, rector of Kentstown, Ireland. He went through much soul trouble, but was set at liberty, and began to

preach at Mount Zion, Devon. Afterwards he became pastor of the church at Stoke, near Devonport, and for many years alternately at Trinity Chapel, Leicester, and Stoke. Finally he settled at the Baptist church, Bethesda, in Bath, where he laboured with sinking health, but much acceptance, for the last few years of his life. On the 5th of February, 1860, he had been preaching from the words, "Behold the Lamb of God!" with much unction, but with evident difficulty. He went from the pulpit to his bedroom, which he never after left. His agony was great; but when free from fits of delirium, his consolation abounded. His wife asked, "Is Jesus precious, dear George?" He said, "He is *now* my *only* support." Sweet words dropped from him—such as "Love, Blood, Jesus, Mercy," and "O God who hearest prayer." To a friend he said, "Pray, pray for *her*," looking at his weeping wife. He gradually sank, and not a cloud passed over his beaming face, until his blood-bought spirit calmly and peacefully passed away from sin, suffering, and death, on the 6th of March, 1860, at the age of 46 years.

IVES, DAVID.

THIS faithful servant of Jesus Church was pastor of the Baptist church, Gold Hill, Bucks, where he laboured with fidelity and zeal for twenty-eight years. Mr. Ives was highly endowed with

poetical talent, and wrote several works very acceptable to the Christian public. He finished his appointed labours, and entered into everlasting rest on the 18th of November, 1855, at the age of 50 years.

IVIMEY, JOSEPH,

NEARLY thirty years pastor of the Baptist church, Eagle Street Chapel, London. This bold and uncompromising man of God was born at Ringwood, Hampshire, on the 22nd of May, 1773. When about eighteen years of age, he was in company with two of his aunts, who had a minister taking tea with them. Having conversed on subjects of vital importance, he turned to Mr. Ivimey and impressively said, "Young man, do *you* know anything of these things?" The arrow of conviction at once penetrated his heart, which nothing but the balm of Gilead could heal. He felt the blood applied, and as a sinner saved by grace, rejoiced in Christ Jesus. It was not till the year 1803, and when he was nearly thirty years of age, that Mr. Ivimey began to preach. And even then he was much exercised about his fitness and qualifications. But at length he began to preach and to teach Jesus, and his testimony was made a blessing to many precious souls. He was ordained pastor over the Church in Eagle Street on the 16th of January, 1805, where, as a preacher, an author, and philan-

thropist, with courage, energy, and ardent piety, he spent his days. When dying, he said, "Here I lie, a perfect wreck on the shores of Mercy;" "Behold, God is my salvation;" "I will trust, and not be afraid;" adding, "*It's all over—grace reigns!*" These were his last words, and the emancipated spirit quitted its clay tenement without a groan, on the 8th of February, 1834, in the 61st year of his age.

JAMES, WILLIAM,

MANY years the faithful pastor of the Baptist church, Hartley Row, Hants, born at Little Clacton, 1796. The work of Divine grace was effectually wrought in him about 1817, when he was baptized and joined to the church at Thorpe, under the pastoral care of Mr. Bolton. Some time after he actively engaged in village preaching, until, in the providence of God, he was ordained pastor over the Baptist church at Hadleigh, in Suffolk, where he continued with varied success about six years. In the year 1835 he settled as pastor over the church at Hartley Row. The first few years of his ministry were both pleasant and profitable, many people were gathered, the word was blessed, and peace and concord reigned. But a great change came over some of the people, and a party spirit was formed which exceedingly affected his mind, and accelerated, if not caused, a disease of the heart. On the evening of the 29th

of November, 1847, he fell down in the pathway of his garden, and his immortal spirit fled to be for ever with the Lord, "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

JAMES, JOHN,

WAS for thirty years the devoted pastor of the church at Bridgend, Glamorganshire, and many years secretary to the County Association. He fell asleep in Jesus in the 71st year of his age, January 30, 1848.

JAMES, JOHN ANGELL,

OF Birmingham. This distinguished Non-conformist minister was well known to Christians of all denominations, few have appeared so long before the public as a preacher, speaker, and writer, with a reputation so free from blemish. Of his numerous works, his "Anxious Enquirer" is best known, and has been translated into many European languages. As a public speaker he was remarkably effective, while as a preacher he set his face dead against heartless formalism on the one hand, and Puseyite Romanizing on the other. Mr. James had but a few hours' illness, and peacefully departed this mortal life, at the advanced age of 75 years, October 1, 1859. His remains rest at the foot of the pulpit in Carr's Lane Chapel, which he had so ably occupied for fifty-three years.

JAY, WILLIAM.

MINISTER of the gospel, Argyle Chapel, Bath. This eminent servant of Christ was born of humble parents, and laboured as a mason's lad when he first felt the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Under the ministry of that good man Cornelius Winter, he had joy and peace in believing. Mr. Winter took him under his care as one of his pupils, as he gave very early proof that God had intended him for eminent service, and, before he was eighteen years of age, he was sent out to preach in several places near Marlborough, Titsbury, &c., in the county of Wiltshire. In the year 1791 he was ordained pastor over the church in Argyle Chapel, where for the long period of sixty-two years he laboured honourably and extensively, as a wise scribe well instructed in the mysteries of the kingdom. The great day can only disclose the numbers savingly converted to God under his fruitful ministry during the long period of his public career, verging on seventy years. For forty years of his ministry he was an annual supply for six weeks at Surrey Chapel, London, the venerable Rowland Hill's, preaching during his stay at many places on public occasions, ordinations, anniversaries, &c.

Mr. Jay left behind some valuable writings. His "Morning and Evening Exercises," "Life of Rev. Cornelius Winter," "Lectures on Female Scripture Characters," and several volumes of sermons, are well known and highly valued.

But this "prince of preachers" and strong veteran at length began to give symptoms of decay; he gradually sunk till the closing scene. The excellent John Angell James on seeing him, said, "I think that scripture is applicable to you just now, '*With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.*'" "Ah!" said the venerable man, "I have been living on that psalm all my life, but I must die to understand the last verse." His departure was most tranquil; lying with his hand between his face and the pillow, he appeared to be sweetly sleeping, and it was only on close examination that it was found his spirit had fled to glory, honour, and immortality, on December 27, 1853, at the patriarchal age of 85 years.

JEFFRIES, JOHN,

WAS born at Carleton Road, Norfolk. Early in life he was brought to embrace the gospel under the ministry of Mr. Firmary of Diss, by whom he was baptized and added to the church. In the year 1799 he began to preach the gospel at Downham Market, where he was ordained pastor over the church there June 28, 1802, and continued to labour among his flock to the close of his life—upwards of forty-four years. He finished his course with joy, on August 7, 1844, aged 75 years. His last words were, "*I am not afraid to die!*"

JENNER, T. S. M.,

BAPTIST minister of Clapham, Surrey, was born March 27, 1787, at Croydon. When in after years he removed to London, he became savingly acquainted with the vital truths of the gospel. The ministry of Mr. Upton and Mr. Chin, of Walworth, was greatly blessed to him; he was baptized by Mr. Chin and received into the church at Walworth. For many years he was a valuable itinerant preacher of the gospel until his removal to Clapham, where he laboured until the end of his days. He died in the faith, in the truth, and in the Lord, September 12, 1854, in the 67th year of his age.

JENNINGS, JOHN,

A VALUABLE minister of the New Testament, who was for many years the able and devoted pastor of the Congregational church at Thaxtead, Essex; his labours were crowned with the Divine blessing to many who now revere his memory. The closing scene of his life was full of resignation, peace, and hope. He departed to be with Christ on August 17, 1826, aged 64 years.

JENKINS, JOSEPH, D.D.,

WAS originally a member of the Baptist church in Little Wild Street, London, where he was baptized and received into that church, in the year 1766. He had spent some time at the

University of Aberdeen, from whence he obtained his diploma. In after years he ministered to the church and congregation at Wrexham, Denbighshire. On returning to London he became pastor at the newly erected chapel, Blandford Street; and on the lamented death of the celebrated Joseph Swain, of Walworth, Dr. Jenkins succeeded him in the pastorate, in April, 1798, and continued with them until he had finished his labours and entered into rest, February 21, 1819, at the age of 76.

JERMENT, GEORGE, D.D.

THIS great and good man was pastor of the congregation of Scotch Seceders, formerly worshipping in Bow Lane, city of London, and latterly in Oxenden Street, Haymarket, and where for thirty-seven years, both by his preaching and writings, he ably and successfully advanced the cause of "pure and undefiled religion." On the day of his departure he said to his family, "This truly is the happiest day in all my life! I speak this not as words of course, but as the sincere words of a dying man!" He exchanged the transient sorrows of earth for the immortal joys of heaven, on May 26, 1819, aged 59 years.

JINKINGS, EDMUND,

PASTOR of the Independent church in Maidstone, was born at Hythe, Kent, January 15, 1789.

When about fourteen years of age he was awakened to a concern for his salvation, from a sermon by Mr. Drew, of Strood, from the words, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment?" which produced a deep and lasting impression on his mind. When about nineteen he joined himself to the church at Folkestone, under the ministry of Mr. Mather. Some years after he removed to Deal, where the pastor, Mr. Vincent, encouraged him to enter the Christian ministry. After studying about four years at Hoxton, he was sent down in April, 1817, to supply the church at Maidstone, whose pastor Mr. Ralph had, through age and infirmities, resigned. This was Mr. Jinkings's *first* and *last* scene of labour, for the young minister was sustained, and lived to be the pastor of the longest standing in the county and the father of the Kent association. As he advanced in life his strength declined. An attack of stone laid him aside, October, 1856. During his illness he suffered much, but realized, as he said, "A soul-satisfying peace;" soon after he exclaimed, "Life is passing from me, but the Lord shall be with you." He was asked, "Are you happy?" "Yes! O yes!" he replied, "on the rock; I know that my Redeemer liveth." And he gently entered into rest, November 3, 1856, in the 67th year of his age and the 41st of his ministry.

JOHNSTON, JOHN,

FIFTY-TWO years minister of the Associate Congregation, Annandale. Through a long life he was an ornament to the church, a pattern of patience and fidelity in his Master's work. On the last day he preached, he fell down in the pulpit under the pressure of age and infirmity. He slept in peace on the 28th of May, 1812, aged 82 years.

JONES, THOMAS,

OF Denbigh, North Wales, occupied a wide influence as a minister of the gospel among the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists. He was born in Flintshire, February, 1756. When quite a youth he was savingly brought to know and fear the Lord —that scripture "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, &c.," was powerfully and sweetly laid on his mind. He began to preach about the year 1782, and from that time devoted himself to the work which he pursued for more than thirty-nine years, the Lord working with him with signs following. Mr. Jones was an excellent writer, and published many valuable works, poetical and controversial, besides select sermons and school books. He died in peace in a green old age in the year 1822.

JONES, EVAN JOHN,

MINISTER of Islington and Silver Street Chapels, London. He was born on the 23rd of January, 1771. At an early age he was brought to the feet of Jesus, and embraced the faith, and was admitted a member of the church at the Tabernacle, Moorfields. After some years he was encouraged by some of the most eminent ministers of the day to preach on the Saturday evening at the Tabernacle. On one of these occasions he saw the chapel was unusually full, and in the green pew sat the following well-known ministers—John Newton, Gunn, Medley, Bryson, Cockin, and others. He stepped back and entreated that some one of the ministers would preach. But in vain! They answered, "*They had come to hear him, and preach he must.*" At last one of them placed the Bible under his arm and conducted him to the pulpit. His feelings were such that his knees smote one against the other, and his sight failed him for some minutes. But after prayer he recovered himself. One of the ministers, after the service, said to him, "You went up trembling, and I knew you would come down rejoicing: the Lord has indeed stood by you." Mr. Jones, after this, endured great darkness of soul, and the fiery darts of the tempter, and it was some years before deliverance came. In the year 1800 he was ordained to the pastoral office over the united churches meeting at Silver Street and

Islington Chapels. Here he laboured as a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth for twenty-seven years; and on the 28th of March, 1827, in the bosom of his family, he suddenly expired, without sigh, groan, or struggle, and finished his course in the 57th year of his age.

JONES, WILLIAM, A.M.,

WAS born near Chester, in the year 1762, where his father and grandfather occupied a large farm under the ancestors of the Earl of Grosvenor. Having a thirst for learning, he was placed under the care of a clergyman to be educated with a view of entering the church. It was *here* the writings of Mr. Archibald McLean fell into his hands, which, as he says, "*Gave his mind such a twist that he never afterwards recovered.*"

About 1786 he was baptized by Mr. McLean, and soon after removed to Liverpool, where he engaged in business as a bookseller. Here he was instrumental in collecting a people together to worship as a Baptist church, and they chose him for their pastor. In 1809 he removed to London, combining the author with the tradesman, and the Christian minister with both. His "History of the Waldenses," and many other valuable works, will cause his name to be long remembered. His *last* expression was, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" and the good old man

entered into rest on the 21st of January, 1846, at the age of 84 years.

In the month of October, 1843, Her Majesty—through the Hon. G. Anson—was graciously pleased to offer Mr. Jones a *poor brothership* in the *Charterhouse;* but, one of its qualifications being "*A member of the Church of England,*" he was obliged to decline the royal munificence. Her Majesty, however, kindly directed the sum of £60 to be paid to him in annual instalments of £20. The good old Nonconformist lived to receive *two-thirds* of it.

JONES, JOHN ANDREW,

BAPTIST minister of Jireh meeting, East Road, City Road, London, was born in the city of Bristol, October 10th, 1779. When about the age of twenty-eight, he removed to Guildford, Surrey, living without God in the world, and entertaining strong deistical notions. But at length the Lord met with him, and under a sermon preached by Mr. Gill, a nephew of the great Dr. Gill, he was brought savingly to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was here he met with Mr. G. Comb, who also had been recently converted to the faith, and they took sweet counsel, and walked to the house of God in company, and were baptized together in the old Baptist Chapel, July 1808. In the year 1813, Mr. Jones was called to the work of the Chris-

tian ministry at Hartley Row, Hants, and after a few years took the pastorate of the church at Stonehouse, Plymouth, and subsequently at Brentford, Middlesex. At length his steps were directed to London, where, as the pastor of the Baptist church in Mitchell Street, St. Luke, he remained to the end of his days, a period of thirty-five years. Here he compiled "Bunhill Memorials," and wrote several other works. During his ministry among them, the church removed to Jireh meeting, which they built in Brick Lane, and many years after another chapel was erected for them in East Road, City Road. Here he finished his ministry, and by reason of the infirmities of old age, resigned his pastorate three years before his death. It now became painfully evident that his mental powers were failing. But his end was peace. As the last hour drew nigh, his daughter said, "You are weary of life, dear father." He gave an upward longing look, and replied, "*The harbour, the harbour!*" and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, August, 1868. Mr. Jones was the oldest Baptist minister in London. As a man he was impulsive, warm-hearted, honest—as a preacher, instructive and attractive —as a pastor, faithful, standing by his well-known motto, "*Buy the truth and sell it not,*" and, with all his faults and infirmities, never shunned to declare the whole counsel of God. He died full of days, aged 89 years, and in the 56th year of his ministry.

KEATS, JOHN.

THIS young minister of the gospel was pastor of the first Baptist church at Haworth, Yorkshire. He departed this life on the 10th of May, 1853, greatly lamented by the church, over which he had only been settled about twelve months, and where his short labours had been signally owned of God for great good.

KEEBLE, JOHN,

PASTOR of the Baptist Church, Blandford Street, London, was born in the city of Londonderry, Ireland. When about nine years old he was brought into the county of Suffolk, England. As he grew in years he became confirmed in vice, "led captive by the devil at his will." But God had mercy upon him, plucked him as a brand from the burning, and made him "a new creature in Christ Jesus." He was baptized and united to the church at Ipswich, over which Mr. Hall was the pastor. Mr. Keeble, residing so many miles from the church, could seldom reach the distance, which occasioned him to assemble with a few friends in his own neighbourhood for prayer, &c. Here his lips were first opened to speak for God, and the humble exercises were crowned with Divine success, so that he was requested to preach in various parts of the county. At length the Suffolk Association appointed him to preach before them: where a gentleman from London,

acquainted with the church at Blandford Street, heard him, who, on returning to London, made a good report, and Mr. Keeble was sent for to preach at Blandford Street Chapel, which brought about his ordination as pastor over the church there, which office he sustained diligently, faithfully, and usefully for twenty-six years. He was a bright and shining light, and hundreds rejoiced in that light. On his death-bed, he said: "I have no exuberant joys, but I've a solid, well-founded hope, and that hope built on the oath, promise, and blood of God my Saviour." Mr. John Chin of Walworth had promised, if spared, to preach his funeral sermon. But Mr. Keeble's modesty was averse to it; still, being pressed for a text for the occasion, he at last said: "Well, if you must have a text, take this, '*Though I be nothing.*'" Thus he lived and laboured till he had accomplished the work allotted to him, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the 18th of April, 1824, aged 63 years.

KELLO, JOHN,

DURING the unusually long period of fifty-six years pastor of the Independent church, Bethnal Green, London. He was distinguished for his inflexible attachment to the great and grand doctrines of the Cross, and for zeal and affection in the discharge of his ministerial office. While addressing his flock from 1 Peter ii. 25, he sank

down in a fit, from the effects of which he never recovered; his work was now done—flesh and heart failed, and at length "the weary wheels of life stood still." A few hours before he breathed his last, he exclaimed: "Come, Lord Jesus!" and his last utterance was, "*Saved! Saved!*" and he entered into his glorious rest on the 11th of June, 1827, in the 78th year of his age.

KEWEL, HENRY,

UPWARDS of fifteen years the beloved pastor of the Baptist church assembling at Hanover Chapel, Tunbridge Wells. He was arrested in the midst of his usefulness after a few days' illness by the hand of death. His end was peace; his dying testimony to his sorrowing friends, was: "Built upon the rock, a sure foundation!" He quietly yielded up his soul to God who gave it, 16th of December 1850.

"Fully ripe, as a shock of corn cometh in in its season."

KILPIN, SAMUEL,

OF Exeter, was born at Bedfordshire, January the 4th, 1774. His first sermon was delivered at Elston, the birthplace of John Bunyan. He afterwards settled at Leominster, in the county of Hereford. The church here was small, but his labours were greatly blessed. At *this* time Mr. Kilpin was accustomed to use written notes very

freely in his sermons. But visiting a part of South Wales he was informed they would not be tolerated there, the people must have extemporaneous preaching. Having considerably *condensed* his notes, he placed them in the Bible, when, happening at the moment to cough, away went the notes. But summoning all his presence of mind, he said: "So let Dagon fall! we will seek aid from a higher source." In October, 1812, he removed to Exeter. His diligence and usefulness there was great; he was indeed a workman needing not to be ashamed. Once when preaching, he used the word "Deity," a sailor present shouted: "Do you mean God Almighty, sir?" Several parties sought to turn the poor fellow out, but the preacher interposed and said: "Yes, my good man, I do mean Almighty God, and you have taught me a lesson not to use words which everyone cannot understand." Mr. Kilpin died in the Lord on the 18th of August, 1830. His last words were: "Why are His chariot wheels so long coming?"

KIDD, THORNHILL,

WAS the beloved pastor of the Christian church in Clapton Chapel, London. The brief but valuable period of his labours was marked with usefulness and great acceptance, his ministry was peculiarly rich and varied, and his life an edifying illustration of the truths he taught. He was sustained

during great and protracted sufferings in meekness and patience, till he fell asleep on the bosom of his Saviour, September 30th, 1819, in the 46th year of his age.

KING, THOMAS,

Was for thirty-one years the beloved pastor of a Baptist church in the town of Bedford. He had formerly been a member of the church at Blackfriars Road, London, under the pastoral care of Mr. James Upton, and was by that church called out into the work of the ministry. He was a worthy man of God and of good report among all men. His end was peace, and he departed to be with Christ, October 13th, 1847, aged 78 years.

KINGHORN, JOSEPH,

Of Norwich, was a native of Gateshead, county of Durham, and born January the 17th, 1766. When about seventeen he was baptized by his father at Bishop's Borton: the following year he was admitted into the Academy at Bristol and became a fellow-student of Robert Hall, James Hinton, and Samuel Pearce. He afterwards visited several churches, and in 1790 accepted an invitation from the church at Norwich, and here he remained the whole of his life. During the long course of his ministry the congregation greatly increased. Mr. Kinghorn was a man of

eminent attainments; when Stepney College was first established he was urged to take the presidency, but he preferred to remain with the people of his charge, who evidently highly valued him. His ministry was full of "Thoughts that breathe and words that burn." It exhibited all the force of his intellect combined with all the fervour of his heart, so that every sermon he preached resembled the "sea of glass which was mingled with fire." On September the 1st, 1832, he gently fell asleep in Jesus.

KINGSFORD, JOHN,

THIRTY years the invaluable and devoted pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Midway Place, Lower Road, Deptford. He was for upwards of *sixty-seven years* a faithful and laborious minister of Jesus Christ. Having finished his course, and kept the faith, he received the crown of life, June 15th, 1855, aged 85 years.

KNIBB, WILLIAM,

AN eminent Baptist minister, of Jamaica, whose name and deeds will live in the memory of thousands yet unborn. He was, perhaps, in the field of labour he cultivated, the most efficient missionary ever sent out. Both at home and in Jamaica he was the *principal* instrument in the emancipation of the slaves. In this great work

he laboured more abundantly than all his brethren, and God crowned his efforts with abundant success. And after he had served his generation, he fell on sleep, the 15th of November, 1845; he was seized with fever, and, after a few days' illness, expired in the midst of his family. The churches in the island lost a faithful friend, and the negroes a powerful advocate. But William Knibb's work was done. He was faithful unto death, and now inherits his rest and wears his crown. Know ye

"A great man has fallen in Israel."

KNILL, RICHARD,

AN eminent Christian Missionary, born April 14th, 1787, at Braunton, Devon. When a child, he was marvellously saved from drowning by a poor widow spinning at her cottage door. She heard his cries, and seeing a child's hat floating, hastened and drew up poor little Richard by the hair of his head, from under the bridge. "She could not read," he would say, in after years, "but she saved my life!" Yes, for the Lord had need of him, and appointed him for future usefulness in the ministry. Mr. Knill went first to Madras, and laboured among the Europeans there for some time, and afterwards at St. Petersburg, Russia. Much of his valuable ministry was exercised there among the English residents, to whom he preached for many years

with great acceptance and fervour. The last years of his life were spent at Chester, where, having served his generation according to the will of God, and completed his allotted three-score years and ten, he passed away to his everlasting rest, 1857.

LANCE, HENRY.

THIS devoted servant of God was pastor of the church at the Lecture Hall, Bromley, Bow. During his ministry, he endeared himself to the Lord's people of all denominations. He was the founder of the Home for Orphan Girls, and during the raging of the cholera, and the fearful distress prevalent in the East of London, his labours were unremitting. He caught typhus fever, in its most malignant form, of which he died, December, 1867, and was interred at the cemetery, in Bow, followed by many sorrowing friends.

LANE, SAMUEL,

OF Hull, Yorkshire. This aged servant of God was very many years the unflinching preacher of the gospel at Hull, where he laboured as the minister of the church and congregation to the end of his days—calm, triumphant, and proving to the end the truthfulness of the gospel he had proclaimed, and the faithfulness of God. Thus

closed the long life and ministerial labours of one of the church's most devoted servants. He fell asleep October 30th, 1862.

LAWSON, JOHN,

BAPTIST missionary, Calcutta. This useful and distinguished servant of the Cross was brought up in his youthful days in London. He was highly skilled in the arts of painting and wood-engraving, by which he rendered important service to the mission. He was baptized by Mr. Ivimey, and united to the church at Eagle Street, London, and from thence was solemnly ordained to the work of the ministry. He laboured with much success for more than sixteen years in Calcutta. His last moments were pre-eminently happy; he said, "Tell Carey I am now passing through the valley and shadow of death. But Jesus is with me,"—and then, breathing out his last desire, "Come, Lord Jesus! now, gracious Saviour! let thy servant depart in peace." Yet one long sigh, and the conflict was over, and he was crowned with victory, through the blood of the Lamb, October 23rd, 1825.

LEAVER, THOMAS.

THIS minister of the gospel, formerly of Stepney College, London, was born at Hailsham, in the county of Sussex. He was a good and faithful

servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and died in the midst of his usefulness, at Concord, New Hampshire, United States, on the 23rd of December, 1847.

LEE, THOMAS,

BORN at Loughborough, where at an early age he was brought to sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him. He was baptized and united with the church at Baxter Gate. Mr. Lee became the chosen minister of the church at Isleham. His next sphere of labour was at Whittlesea, and from thence he removed to Retford, Notts, where, in the midst of his useful career, the Master called him to rest from his labours on the 14th of September, 1866, and in the 47th year of his age.

"His end was peace."

LEWIS, BENJAMIN,

TWENTY-FOUR years pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Dean Street, and afterwards at Trinity Chapel, Southwark. He was born at Margate, on the 28th of January, 1791. Removed to London when a youth, the Lord blessed the truth to his salvation, under the ministry of John Chin, of Walworth. His labours in the ministry were highly successful during his pastorate. He resigned his charge, and during the last

five years of his life he preached at Cottage Green, Camberwell, where he finished his appointed work, and entered into the joy of his Lord, December 31st, 1858.

LEWIS, THOMAS,

MINISTER of Union Chapel, Islington. This highly esteemed servant of Jesus Christ began his ministry with the present century, to the church at Union Chapel. This was his *first* and *only* pastoral charge through life—honourable alike to minister and people, involving, however, a vast amount of labour on his part for their continued instruction, and feeding them with knowledge and understanding. In the chamber of affliction he awaited with faith and hope the struggle with the last enemy. His frequent expression was, "Christ is *all* to me—the foundation of my hope—the subject of my ministry—the source of my consolation and joy." A friend asked how he felt, to whom he replied, "As one beaten about by the waters, but not overcome with the billows, or lashed against the rocks." To a brother minister who visited him, he said—"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever;" and, looking at that friend with affectionate earnestness, he added, "Preach Him fully—serve Him faithfully, and doubt not He will be with you to the end." After a severe paroxysm, he breathed out, "Father, if it be possible, let

this cup pass from me—nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done. No, I have no will in it—*Thine* be done." And thus he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of the Sabbath, February 29th, 1852, in the 75th year of his age.

LIDDON, JOHN,

A VENERABLE servant of Christ, who was for forty-four years the able pastor of the Baptist church at Hemel Hempstead. After preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ for more than half a century, he finished his course and received his crown, on Lord's-day, the 12th of June, 1825, aged 78.

LIEFCHILD, JOHN, D.D.

THIS eminent minister of the gospel was for more than half a century a leading minister of the Independent churches. He was the able and zealous pastor over the church at Kensington for sixteen years, when he removed to Bristol; and afterwards for more than twenty years filled the pastoral office over the church at Craven Street Chapel, London. His congregations were very numerous, averaging nearly 2000 persons. He was a popular co-operator in the chief religious movements of his day, and an unflinching advocate of entire civil and religious liberty. He was also a sincere and single-minded man, honest and

upright throughout his long career. Dr. Liefchild died at Brighton, June 29th, 1862, in his 83rd year.

LOCKHART, NINIAN,

ONE of the pastors of the Scotch Baptist church, Rose Street, Kirkaldy, Fifeshire, which office he held for forty years. He was distinguished by benevolence and hospitality to strangers. He died in the Lord, February 2nd, 1848, aged 73 years.

LOWELL, SAMUEL,

A POPULAR minister in his day; upwards of twenty-four years pastor of the Independent church, Bridge Street, Bristol, and one of the directors of the London Missionary Society. He was a valuable and able minister of the gospel. In his dying moments he said, "Oh! what would Socinianism do for me *now?* None but Christ—none but Christ! *That* is the Rock on which a poor sinner must build." His last expression was—

> "The world recedes—it disappears!
> Heaven!"

and, lifting up his hands, could say no more, but departed, to be with Christ, on the 18th of November, 1823, in his 64th year.

LUCOMBE, JOHN.

THIS venerable pastor of the Baptist church in Bethel Chapel, City Road, London, was formerly a hearer of Mr. Huntington and of Mr. Bailey, at Zoar Chapel, Great Alie Street, but finally settled under the ministry of John Stevens, Meard's Court, Soho, under whose sanction he commenced preaching in Chapel Court, in the Borough. The church collected there by his ministry removed with him to City Road, where for many years he laboured as a faithful, earnest servant of Jesus Christ. He had no particular illness, but a gradual decline of strength brought him to his long home in a good old age. Taking leave of a minister who had called to see him, he said, "Good-bye—God bless you—never fear, go on and preach a precious Jesus." These were the last words he was heard to utter, and he fell asleep on the bosom of eternal love, February 17th, 1851, at the age of 85 years.

MACK, JOHN,

WAS pastor of the Baptist church at Clipston, Northamptonshire: born in Glasgow, 1789. In his early years he served as a soldier in the army, but, under the blessing of God, a saving change was wrought in his soul, and after a short time he began to preach the gospel to the sick and dying in hospital at Dumfries. His regiment was ordered to Leicester, where he heard the

celebrated Robert Hall, and commenced a lasting attachment to him. After preaching a few times at Harvey Lane, Mr. Hall recommended him to the church at Clipston, where he was ordained, and for seventeen years laboured with growing fidelity, usefulness, and zeal. After a long illness of a very painful character, in faith and hope he fell asleep in Jesus, on the 5th of November, 1831, at the age of 42.

MACKLEY, WILLIAM,

More than forty years was the zealous and faithful minister of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. He finished his appointed course at Kidderminster, and died in the Lord, on the 16th of February, 1845, in the 71st year of his age.

MACKENZIE, HUGH,

Pastor of the Baptist church, St. Ives, Hunts, was a native of Scotland, and born near Tain, in Ross-shire. Early in life he was the subject of deep convictions, and in the morning of his days devoted himself to the service of Christ. After his marriage, he came to London, and was united with the church in Prescott Street, under the pastoral care of the revered Abraham Booth. In 1798 he was set apart by the prayers of the church to the preaching of the gospel. In 1806 he was removed to Isleham, Cambs, where he

was ordained pastor over the church there. Some years after, he took the pastorate at St. Ives, in Huntingdonshire, where for the last fourteen years of his life he spent the happiest and most useful of his days. The closing scenes of his life were replete with instruction to those around him. "Is all right for eternity?" asked one. With a cheerful smile, and extended hand, he replied, "Yes, all is well!" When near his end, a friend was speaking of his many changes and trials. "Ah!" said he, "the clouds of Providence to me seemed dark—but the skies of grace were always clear." Soon after he rapidly sunk, and fell asleep in Jesus, to receive the blessed welcome—"Well done, good and faithful servant," &c.—on the 5th of January, 1836, in the 64th year of his age, and the 39th of his ministry.

MADDEN, D.

THIS excellent minister of the gospel was rector of Bamford, Kilkenny, in Ireland. But short was his course on earth, and his end was pre-eminently peace. In his last moments he was heard to say, "There they are! there they are! Now they cast their crowns before Him. 'Worthy is the Lamb to'—" Here his voice failed, and the vital spark fled without a struggle, in the 32nd year of his age, 1812.

MADDEN, THOMAS,

A CALVINISTIC Methodist minister, of London. On the removal of Mr. Braithwaite from Bartholomew Close to Hatton Garden Chapel, he succeeded him, and afterwards removed to a new chapel erected for him in Aldersgate Street, where he was much followed, and made a blessing to many. He closed his earthly pilgrimage in the month of October, 1819, aged 67.

MARSHMAN, JOSHUA, D.D.

THIS eminent missionary and minister of Jesus Christ was born at Westbury, Leigh, in Wilts, April 20th, 1768. He was the friend and companion of the excellent Dr. Carey, of Serampore, and the father of Lady Havelock. Dr. Marshman is noted for his controversy with the celebrated Rajah Rammohun Roy, in which he ably defends the Deity and atonement of Jesus Christ against the Socinian views of that learned chief. Dr. Marshman was a diligent, able-minded man, and a faithful minister of the gospel. He closed his honourable labours in peace, at Serampore, in the East Indies, 1837, aged 60 years. Carey, Marshman, and Ward lie buried in the same tomb.

"Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

MARTIN, JOHN.

THIS great theologian was born at Spalding, Lincolnshire, on the 15th of March, 1741. He was called into the ministry by the church at Gamlingay. His first sphere of labour was Sheepshead, in Leicestershire. In 1774 Mr. Martin accepted an invitation to settle with the church in Grafton Street, London, and a new place of worship was afterwards erected for him, in 1795, in Keppel Street. His views on many points connected with church polity differed from some of his brethren, and he was therefore not on the most intimate terms with them. He was, however, a man of sterling integrity, and of strong mental powers. After many years of heavy affliction, he calmly slept the sleep of death, and entered his everlasting rest in the year 1820, aged 80 years.

MAURICE, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the gospel, was born at Chapeltown, near Sheffield. His first experience of divine things was under the ministry of Mr. Grove. Becoming a member of his church, it was not long before he was sent forth to preach to others. After itinerating a while, he was ordained to the pastoral office over the church at Stockport. Here he laboured five years, and then removed to Bolton. At this place he continued also about

five years; but strife springing up, occasioned his removal to London, where he was set apart over the Independent church in Fetter Lane, March 22nd, 1797. In this place he finished his course, after a period of *five* years more, his ministry having been divided into *three equally short stages.* His complaint was consumption. On the day he died, he said to his family—"I'm going—fare thee well!" and the last sentence heard was, "I am a poor sinner; sweet Jesus, come quickly!" And thus he resigned his spirit, 31st March, 1802, aged 40 years.

MC'ALL, ROBERT STEPHENS, LL.D.

IN the cemetery, Rusholme, near Manchester, over the grave of this popular minister, a monument bears the following inscription—

"In this tomb lie the mortal remains of ROBERT STEPHENS MC'ALL, LL.D., pastor from January, 1827, till his death, of the Independent Church and Congregation which met in Moseley Street Chapel, Manchester. He was born at Plymouth, August 4th, 1792, and died at Swinton, July 27th, 1853.

"Enriched with large stores of various knowledge, and gifted with eloquence seldom surpassed, he devoted all, with intense ardour, to the service of Christ and His church, until, in the prime of manhood, the great Master called him from the conflict to everlasting rest.

"Erected A.D. 1854, by many who loved and honoured him, and in whose souls time has but deepened the sense of their irreparable loss."

MEAKINS, JOHN,

MANY years the faithful pastor of the Old Baptist church at Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. He was commended to the work of the ministry by the church at Wattisham, Suffolk, and for some time ministered to the church at Walton, in the same county. In 1810 he removed to Cottenham, where he was eminently successful, and retained to the last the strong affections of his people. Here he lived and laboured, and died in a good old age, November 20th, 1844.

M'GIBBON, JOHN,

BORN at Edinburgh, October 8th, 1776. This man of God was for some few years the esteemed and able pastor of the Independent church at Birdsbush, Wilts. But short indeed was his course on earth, for he was called to enter into the joy of his Lord, on the 12th of October, 1808, in the 32nd year of his age, and the 11th of his useful ministry. *

* The godly and learned Peter Ince, known by the name of the *Praying Shepherd*, was the *first* pastor of the church at Birdsbush. He had been rector of Donhead, but was ejected, with the 2000 worthies, in 1662. To avoid his persecutors, he became a shepherd in the employ of Mr. Grove, of Fern House. Shortly after, the lady of the house fell dangerously ill, and requested the parish minister to be sent for, and pray with her. A messenger was quickly dispatched, who returned and said, "Sir, the parson is just going hunting, and will come and pray with your lady in the evening." Filled with resentment and disgust, Mr. Grove declared he should never come into his

MILNE, WILLIAM, D.D.,

AN eminent minister of the London Missionary Society, and the valuable colleague of Dr. Robert Morrison, of China. He was born in Aberdeenshire, 1785. Having passed through many exercises of mind in reference to his own salvation, he felt a burning desire to serve the interests of the Church of God, and was solemnly appointed as a missionary to Malacca, at Portsea, July 16th, 1812, and arrived there in safety, August, 1814.

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house. Upon this one of the servants said, "We wish, sir, you would permit our *shepherd* to pray with my lady, for indeed he prays sweetly with us." Accordingly the shepherd was sent for. "Do you pray?" asked Mr. Grove.—"Yes, sir—God forbid that I should live one day without." He was taken to the chamber; the squire and the shepherd knelt down to prayer. He began, and went on with such wisdom of thought, such solemnity of soul, propriety of language, and pertinency to the case, that surprised all present. As soon as they rose from their knees, the master asked, "Who are you? and where did you come from? You are evidently no common man, and I must know the whole." The shepherd replied, "Sir, I had much rather remain in obscurity; but, since I must make the discovery, know then, sir, that I am one of the 2000 ministers who were ejected from their livings on Bartholomew Day. I considered that the employment of a shepherd would allow me leisure for devotion and meditation, as well as a livelihood, and therefore entered your service." Mr. Grove looked at him with a mixture of astonishment and delight. "*You a shepherd!* I am resolved you shall be *my shepherd.*" He built a chapel for him immediately, and left the parson to go a hunting by himself. This was the commencement of the dissenting interest at Birdsbush, and may be seen in their church book to this day.

Here he toiled in the work of preaching, translating the Scriptures, and establishing schools, till, worn out with incessant labours, he sunk beneath them, and on Sunday, June 2nd, 1822, ceased from his labours, and entered into everlasting rest, little more than 37 years of age.

"They rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

MOODY, JAMES,

Of Walworth. This faithful servant of Christ, formerly of Frome, in Somersetshire, was born in Wiltshire, 21st March, 1790. He was the respected pastor of the Baptist church, East Lane, Walworth, where for eight years he laboured in the gospel, which was preached by him not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost. In his conflict with the *last* enemy, he was more than conqueror, through the Captain of his salvation. Among other things, he said—"Oh! to have an interest in Jesus is worth more than thousands of worlds." His last expression was, "Lord, help a poor worm!" He was called from the battle-field to victory, and obtained the crown of life on the 22nd of January, 1852, in the 62nd year of his age.

"A beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord."

MOORE, FRANCIS,

ONE of the secretaries of the Home Missionary Society, and for sixteen years the valuable pastor of the Independent church meeting in Vauxhall Chapel, Southwark. This excellent and devoted minister was called to his rest on the 22nd of March, 1839, aged 57.

MOORHOUSE, WILLIAM,

A VENERABLE minister of the gospel, having been above fifty years pastor of the church of Christ at Huddersfield, Yorkshire. He was well known and beloved for his works' sake, both in London and in many provincial towns. He died as he lived, "Looking unto Jesus," July 29th, 1823, aged 80 years.

MORGANS, DAVID,

FOR twenty years the zealous and faithful minister of the Independent church at Esgerdawe, in Cardiganshire, greatly beloved as a man, a Christian, and a minister. He finished his course with joy, February 26, 1810, aged 55 years.

MORISON, JOHN, D.D.,

FOR many years the talented editor of the "Evangelical Magazine," and the author of many

useful and popular religious works. He was the beloved pastor of the Independent church and congregation at Trevor Chapel, Brompton, in Middlesex, and where for forty-five years he laboured in the gospel, an eminent and faithful minister of Jesus Christ. He died in the Lord June 13, 1859, aged 68 years.

MOUNTFORD, JOSEPH,

FORMERLY pastor of the Baptist church at Oundle, Northamptonshire, where he laboured with much acceptance. During his ministry there, a new chapel was built through his instrumentality. From Oundle he was removed to Seven Oaks, Kent, and became the successor of the venerable Thomas Shirley. After remaining there for about ten years, Mr. Mountford took the oversight of the church at Leighton Buzzard, where he closed his labours. The all-wise Master whom he served, called him suddenly to rest, much to the distress of his bereaved widow and many attached friends. He died of heart disease on the 29th of April, 1867, aged 45 years.

MUIR, HUGH.

THIS young minister of the gospel was pastor of the Baptist church, Stockwell Street, in Glasgow. He was brought early to know the Lord, and to consecrate the morning of life to the service of

Christ. The day before his departure he said, "To-morrow I shall be with Jesus!" which event took place on the 25th of November, 1847, in the 34th year of his age.

MURCH, WILLIAM, D.D.,

BORN at Honiton, Devonshire, on the 17th of May, 1784. Brought to fear the Lord from his youth, he preached his first sermon when little more than fourteen years of age. In May, 1802, he was baptized by Dr. Rippon at Carter Lane Chapel, in Southwark, and afterwards ministered to the church in Sheppard's Barton, Frome. Of this church he remained the happy, useful, and honoured pastor for twenty-one years. In 1827 Dr. Murch became the tutor of Stepney College, London, which office he held till 1844, when failing health compelled him to resign this post of labour. He afterwards took the pastorate of the church at Rickmansworth, where he finished his labours, and calmly fell asleep in Jesus on the 12th of July, 1859.

MURDOCH, ARCHIBALD,

WAS for many years the able pastor of the Baptist church, Aberchirder, in Scotland. He was what he was by the grace of God, who honoured him to maintain the truth faithful to the end, and then gave him the crown of life in the year 1847, and in the 76th year of his age.

MUSKETT, GEORGE,

For several years the faithful pastor of the Baptist church at Westoning, Bedfordshire. He was born at Shottisham, Norfolk, August, 1804. The Lord was pleased to arrest him by His grace and open his eyes at eighteen years of age; he was greatly established in the truth under the ministry of the excellent Job Hupton, of Claxton. About the year 1836 he was called to preach at Norwich, where he continued some years, and in 1849 removed to Westoning, where he laboured in faithfulness until the end of 1864. He was a man greatly exercised both with family and ministerial trials. But he was favoured to drink large draughts of joy and peace, and would delight to speak of his interest in the well-ordered covenant. The writer has often been refreshed in his company, and frequently welcomed him to occupy his pulpit at Guildford, to the edification of many of his friends.

This servant of Christ was seized with a fit of apoplexy while eating his supper, and suddenly called by his Master to receive his everlasting reward. He very quietly breathed out his soul, December 5, 1865, at the age of 61.

NEWELL, JEREMIAH, A.M.,

'NY years vicar of Great Missenden, Bucks. ɜ excellent man of God was an able minister

of Jesus Christ, and a valuable Christian. He departed this life on the 11th of June, 1803.

NEWMAN, WILLIAM, D.D.

THIS eminent Christian scholar and minister of the gospel was more than forty years the faithful and affectionate pastor of the Baptist church at Old Ford, Bow. He was a man of primitive simplicity, unaffected piety, and indefatigable zeal in the cause of God and truth. He finished his appointed labours, and was called to his everlasting rest on the 22nd of December, 1835, in the 63rd year of his age.

NEWTON, JOHN, A.M.

THIS star of the first magnitude in the firmament of the church was rector of St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, London. He was born in London, 1725. When four years old, he could repeat the Assemblies Catechism, and all Dr. Watts's Hymns for children. At eleven years of age his father, who was master of a vessel in the slave trade, took him to sea. As he grew up, he fell into habits of dissipation, profligacy, and infidelity. But the eye of God was upon him, and after a long captivity on the shores of Africa, in which he endured dreadful privations and sufferings, the prey was taken from the mighty, the lawful captive delivered, and the rebel saved.

He returned home another man, and began to expound the Scriptures in Liverpool. In the year 1764, he was ordained to the curacy of Olney, Bucks, where, during a residence of fifteen years, he formed an intimate and life-long friendship with that poet of the New Testament, William Cowper, and joined with him in composing the valuable "Olney Hymns." In 1779 he removed to the rectory of St. Mary Woolnoth, where an extensive field of usefulness was opened to him. As a writer, Mr. Newton is well known and valued. His "Cardiphonia" and "Omicron" are among the most precious legacies of his pen. His works were published in 6 vols. octavo. When Mr. Newton was turned eighty, some of his friends, on account of his growing infirmities, urged him to rest from his pulpit labours. "I cannot," said he; and raising his voice, "What! shall the old African blasphemer stop while he can speak?" A day or two before he died he said, "More light—more love—more liberty! What a thing it is to lie under the shadow of His almighty wings!" He expressed nothing remarkable after these words, but departed "to be with Christ, which is far better," on the 21st of December, 1807.

"*He was a burning and a shining light.*"

NICHOLSON, ISAAC, M.A.

THIS eminent Christian minister was born in

Cumberland on the 5th of January, 1761. He obtained holy orders in the Church of England at Chester, in 1783, and became a zealous preacher. But his zeal was not according to knowledge. Mr. Nicholson had been excessively attached to dancing and card playing—in breaking off these he suffered much conflict. But one day, reading an old Puritan book, he came to the words, "*Praying* will make a man leave off *sinning*, or *sinning* will make him leave off praying." "Well then," said he, "I will pray against my sins as long as I have breath." The Lord heard and delivered him, and he was afterwards led into the truth as it is in Jesus.

About the year 1789, Mr. Nicholson left the church and became tutor in Lady Huntingdon's College, Cheshunt, and in January, 1804, accepted a call to the pastoral office over the Church of Christ, at Mulberry Gardens Chapel, London. Here he ended his useful days, full of faith and hope, June 29, 1807, in the 47th year of his age.

NICHOLSON, SAMUEL,

An excellent minister of Jesus Christ, and pastor of the Baptist church assembling in George Street, Plymouth, where for thirty-three years he laboured with fidelity, zeal, and usefulness. He was born at Devonport, on the 28th of April, 1801. Pre-eminently he was a good man, thoroughly earnest and sincere. His religion was

not assumed for public service, but was the mainspring of his being: it was not a thing that could be taken up or laid down at pleasure, but the inwrought experience of a heart at peace with God. As he lived so he died—the truths he had preached in the pulpit, and shown forth in his life, were his comfort to the very last. As he drew near the dark river he saw the Cross still, only nearer and more precious. "Give my love to all the brethren," said he; "All is well," and so he calmly and peacefully passed over to the other side on the 13th of March, 1856, in the 56th year of his age.

NUNN, JAMES.

THIS minister of the gospel was born at Tunstall, Suffolk, on the 24th of August, 1800. When about nineteen years of age he was brought to know and value the savour of Divine truth, under the powerful ministry of John Keeble at Blandford Street Chapel, London. Here his mind was established, and his soul fed and nourished, in the great doctrines of the everlasting gospel. In the year 1821 he began to open his lips for God, and preached for several years as an itinerant minister both in town and country, till, in 1831, he was ordained to the pastoral office over the Baptist church, Diary Lane, Ipswich, in Suffolk. Here many bright scenes arose before him, and many gloomy dark nights of sorrow supervened.

But the fiery, cloudy pillar at length guided his footsteps to London, where, for twenty years, with fidelity and great usefulness, he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, first at Bethel Chapel, Somer's Town, and afterwards at a new chapel erected for him in Goddington Terrace, Camden Town. The writer has a pleasing recollection of serving the churches with him some years ago, upon two anniversary occasions, in the county of Essex and Suffolk, and also of the rich fulness and depth of feeling that pervaded his discourses. Mr. Nunn was for years afflicted with asthma, which at length laid him aside prostrate. In his last illness he experienced great darkness and sore conflict with the enemy; extending his hand, he said to his brother: "*Ah! William, this is hard work!*" But at length the Sun of Righteousness arose with healing in His wings, and at eventide it was light. He died in the Lord, May, 1863, aged 63 years, and in the 40th of his ministry.

ORME. WILLIAM,

A WELL-KNOWN and eminent servant of Christ, secretary to the London Missionary Society, and pastor of the Independent church at Camberwell, Surrey. He was born on the 3rd of February, 1787, at Falkirk in Scotland. When at school he showed great aptness for study and made considerable progress in learning. In 1803 he lost

his father, when he removed to Edinburgh, and under the ministry at Leith Walk the Lord met with him, and there he received his first impressions and saving acquaintance with the gospel of Christ. In his nineteenth year he bade a final adieu to secular pursuits and joined Mr. Haldane's class of students. About the year 1807 he left Edinburgh for Perth, and preached his first sermon there, having just completed his twentieth year. In this sphere of pastoral labour he continued seventeen years. When in 1824 he succeeded the Rev. J. Innes, at Camberwell, near London. In this important station he laboured about six years, when, in the midst of usefulness and honourable service, and in the meridian of his day, he was called home to his reward, on the 8th of May, 1830, and in the 44th year of his age. Dr. Fletcher of Stepney preached his funeral sermon from the words "*Christ is all and in all,*" being the last expression from the lips of his dying friend.

OSBOURN, GEORGE.

THIS minister of the gospel was for more than twenty years the beloved and faithful pastor of the church of Christ in Angel Street, Worcester. He died in the faith of God's elect on the 10th day of November, 1811.

OWEN, JOHN, M.A.,

ONE of the founders of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its first secretary. He was at one time curate of the parish of Fulham, and afterwards minister of Park Street Chapel, Chelsea, where he continued to preach the word of life till called to his reward: which event took place at Ramsgate, September 26th, 1822, in the 57th year of his age.

OVERBURY, R. W.,

AN earnest Baptist minister, was formerly co-pastor with the excellent Joseph Ivimey, at Eagle Street Chapel, London, and afterwards sole pastor there for a period of nineteen years. He subsequently removed to Devonport, where he closed his useful labours, and was called suddenly to his heavenly rest, in 1868, in the 57th year of his age.

Mr. Overbury was one of the founders of the Baptist Tract Society.

PAGE, JAMES,

BAPTIST MINISTER of Tring, Herts. This excellent and devoted servant of Christ was first settled in the year 1825 as pastor over the church at Horsell, in Surrey, where he succeeded the beloved George Comb, who had ministered there for ten years, and removed to London.

Mr. Page some years after was removed to Richmond, in Surrey, and from thence to Tring. He was a sincere and faithful advocate of the doctrines of distinguishing grace, and a man of exemplary conduct; he was laid aside from his beloved work for many months through heavy afflictions, and during his long illness which ended his life was often unconscious. But the day before his departure he said to his daughter: "I am very ill—I desire—there's a dear!" meaning her to help him remember. She said: "I desire to depart and be with Christ." "Yes," he replied, "that is far better—far better—no sin, no sorrow —for ever with the Lord." And so he entered into rest on the 22nd of January, 1851, aged 60 years.

PALMER, WILLIAM STERN,

PASTOR of the Independent church, Hare-court Chapel, London, was born at Sheerness, in the year 1787. A sermon preached by Mr. Slatterie, of Chatham, was made the power of God to his salvation. In 1805 he was admitted to church fellowship; he was soon after sent to Hoxton Academy, from whence, in 1811, he was ordained over the church at Worthing. He subsequently accepted an invitation to Romsey, and in March, 1817 removed to Westbury, Wilts, where his labours were blessed greatly, and a new chapel erected in 1821. At length the providence of God removed

him to London, where in labours more abundant, he took a lively interest in the Christian institutions of his time. He was faithful, diligent, and conscientious; his dying testimony was also his living hope, "I know whom I have believed." His happy spirit returned to God who gave it, April 1, 1852, aged 65 years, and in the 42nd of his ministry.

PALMER, WILLIAM,

A YOUNG and promising minister of Jesus Christ, and for a few years the valued pastor of the Baptist church, Plaistow, Essex. He was a plain-spoken man, his discourses being delivered with honest boldness and open frankness, so that he was always received gladly, and the people rejoiced to see and hear him. But his work was soon finished, and the Master was pleased—somewhat suddenly—to call his young servant away from labour to rest, on September 1, 1867.

PARKS, WILLIAM, B.A.,

RECTOR of St. Barnabas' Church, Openshaw, near Manchester, where for twenty-four years he laboured with fidelity and zeal in the gospel of Christ. His decision for truth and benevolence of heart, sympathising with all the Lord's people in their trials and sorrows, embalmed his memory in the hearts of many. When his end was fast approaching, he said to his dear wife, who was

attending on him, "If a *creature* is such a comfort, what must a *Saviour* be?" The last sentence he uttered was, "I wish the companions of my youth—my confederates in sin—all felt themselves as firmly on the Rock as I do now." He finished his course and received his crown, on October 2, 1867, at the age of 58. Mr. Parks preached his last sermon from the words "God be merciful to me a sinner." A sweet summing up of his own experience who was ever ready to declare himself, "A sinner saved by rich and sovereign grace."

PAYNE, DR.,

A CELEBRATED theological tutor of the Western Independent College, and author of "Lectures on Divine sovereignty," and other works of great merit. He had been preaching on the evening of June 18, from the words "God is love," and that same night, while in bed, suddenly heard the midnight cry; and in the morning, lo! he was not, for God took him, June 19, 1848, aged 67.

PEACOCK, JOHN,

THIRTY-FOUR years pastor of the Baptist church, Spencer Place Chapel, Goswell Road, London. He was born in the village of Ravensden, Beds, May 31, 1779. When but a youth he was brought to know and love the Lord, and ·otized by Mr. Emerey at the age of seven-

teen. On July 2, 1805, he was ordained pastor over the church at Rushden, Northamptonshire, and laboured there for seventeen years with a large measure of the Divine blessing. In the year 1821 he was invited to the pastorate in Spencer Place, London, where he lived and laboured among the people of his charge with great success, and to an honourable old age. He closed his long and useful life May 15, 1864, in the 85th year of his age.

PELLS, JOHN,

THIS young and much esteemed minister was born at Beccles, in Suffolk, in 1827. A large portion of his life was spent in the pursuit of worldly pleasures, till about the year 1846 he was brought to his right mind, clothed and sitting at the feet of Jesus. Soon after he began to preach the gospel he was invited to Clare, in the county of Suffolk, and became pastor of the church in that town. In the providence of God he received an invitation to the pastorate of the church at Soho Chapel, Oxford Street, London, where he ministered in the word with great acceptance and usefulness till his death, which took place, June 23, 1864. He very calmly and peacefully departed with a cheerful hope of a glorious immortality, in the 37th year of his age.

PERROT, FRANCIS,

MINISTER of the French Independent Chapel, Halkett Place, Jersey, and was the originator of Sunday schools in that place. He slept in Jesus after a long and distressing illness, on October 6, 1848, in the 68th year of his age.

PERCY, STEPHEN,

WAS the son of Mr. Percy of Union Street Chapel, Woolwich, and brother of Mr. Percy, Independent minister, Warwick. Brought early under the influence of Divine grace, he entered as a student at Hoxton Academy, and in the year 1811 went to supply the vacant pulpit at the Independent Chapel, Guildford, Surrey. In the following year, September 16, 1812, he was solemnly ordained to the pastoral office over the church there, Messrs. Chapman of Greenwich, Percy, Sen., of Woolwich, John Clayton, Sen., of London, and other ministers engaging in the service. Here, for the long period of nearly half a century, he continued to labour in word and doctrine making full proof of his ministry, and the Lord blessing the word with signs following. In the year 1859 Mr. Percy resigned his pastoral charge, and lived in comparative seclusion in the bosom of his family, till full of days and having served his generation according to the will of God, the messenger Death gently wafted his soul away to everlasting rest, on April 9, 1868, in the 85th year of his age.

PHILIP, ROBERT,

A POPULAR minister and writer, and the devoted pastor over the Independent church at Maberly Chapel, Kingsland, where for the period of forty-two years he faithfully ministered the word of life. Mr. Philip is widely known by his numerous popular writings. His biographical works of "Bunyan's Life and Times," the "Life and Times of the Countess of Huntingdon," with John Campbell, the African traveller, "the Maries," "the Marthas," "the Lydias," and many other publications, are monuments of his untiring zeal and persevering labour, and by which he being dead yet speaketh. He entered into rest at the age of 67, on May 1, 1858.

PHILIPS, JOHN.

HE was nearly thirty years the valued pastor of the Baptist church, Whitchurch, Salop. His excellent character and the grace of God in him, would justify all who knew him to say, "Behold an Israelite indeed!" He died April 6, 1848, aged 56.

PHILLIPS, RICHARD,

BORN at Castell, Landervig, 1801, and for the period of seventeen years the able and devoted pastor of the church at Fynnon. He was uttering the words, "I know whom I have believed,"

when his voice faltered in death. He seemed to cross the Jordan at its narrowest point, and closed his eyes on all earthly scenes July 8, 1845, in the 44th year of his age.

PICKERING, WILLIAM,

SENIOR pastor of the Baptist Church, Stoney Street, Nottingham, one of the largest Dissenting churches in the kingdom. He lived in the midst of a wide sphere of usefulness for many years, and at a very advanced age was called to receive his reward of grace on February 19, 1848.

PIERCE, SAMUEL EYLES.

THIS eminent servant of Christ was born at Up-Ottery, Devon, June 11, 1746, in the parsonage house of his grandfather, who was vicar of the parish. When a child he had some knowledge of himself as a sinner, and as he grew up became very devout and religious, but still a stranger to Christ and His righteousness. The preaching of the renowned Toplady, at Broad-Hembury, was made a blessing to him, and brought him to experience the truth as it is in Jesus. On coming to London he was nourished up in the truth and sound doctrine, under the able ministry of the excellent William Romaine, at Blackfriars Church. In the year 1784 Mr. Pierce ministered to the Independent church at Truro, in Cornwall, and settled in

London about twelve years afterwards, where there was a great gathering under his ministry. For many years he preached alternately at Printer's Court, Shoe Lane, and Bethel Chapel, Brixton. For three months in the year he always visited the people in the west of England, going to Chard, Truro, &c., and returning to London by way of Plymouth, occupying the pulpit of the old Tabernacle there. But the days drew on for the Master to call him home. His infirmities were heavy, and kept him in constant expectation of his end. But his mind was firmly fixed on the Rock of Ages; the day before his departure he said, "The Lord be magnified! I live and die in the full belief of my interest in Christ God-man, of the perfection of his work for salvation, wherein alone I trust, and to the Three in One be everlasting praise!" He afterwards remained insensible to anything in this life, and fell asleep in Jesus on May 10, 1829, aged 83.

PILKINGTON, JAMES,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Rayleigh, Essex, was born in London, September 3, 1770. When a youth he was baptized upon a profession of his repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and united to the church in Edward Street, Soho. His pastor and friends seeing him possess talents for the ministry, solemnly commended him to the Lord by prayer, and in 1797

he was sent to Rayleigh, and publicly ordained to the work of the ministry, where for upwards of fifty-six years, the sword he first drew in defence of Divine truth, was never returned to its scabbard. He was favoured to stand and fall upon the battlefield without either rust or stain on his armour. He used to say to ministers, "O brethren, never be afraid to publish what the Redeemer gives. Out of abundant fulness he will assuredly supply all your need." Mr. Pilkington was called to heavenly rest suddenly, on November 22, 1853, at the age of 83 years, and was gathered to his grave like a shock of corn fully ripe.

PLATT, WILLIAM FRANCIS,

A VENERATED minister of the gospel, Holywell Mount Chapel, London, was born in London on the 1st of August, 1758. About the age of fourteen it pleased God to reveal His Son in him under the fruitful ministry of William Romaine, whom he regarded as "his father in Christ," and whose views in theology and experimental godliness he constantly maintained. He was afterwards received into the college of Lady Huntingdon at Trevecca, but did not long remain, it being her ladyship's usual plan to send forth her *acceptable* preachers as soon as possible. Mr. Platt preached his first sermon on the 10th of November, 1779; and, after labouring in town and

country for ten years, was, in September, 1789, chosen pastor over the church at Holywell Mount Chapel, which he continued to occupy for the space of forty years with many tokens of Divine blessing. His last sermon was preached in the pulpit of Dr. Reed, from "Blessed are ye that hunger now for ye shall be filled." On returning home he felt great pain, in which he lingered for three months, and during which he was sweetly sustained by the consolations of the gospel. He died in the Lord, August 1st, 1831, being the anniversary of his birthday, aged 73 years. During a ministry of fifty years he preached ten thousand four hundred and seventy-six sermons.

PLAYER, JOHN DANES,

BORN in the year 1800 at Saffron Walden, Essex, and many years the able, faithful pastor of the Baptist church in that place. By profound and laborious studies, during a long course of years, he overstrained his brain; yet in his last moments his very wanderings of speech were precious evidences of his hopes being fixed upon the Rock of Ages. Prayer was made for him continually by the church, but early on the Lord's Day of the 7th of April, 1850, his soul was gently liberated to join "the spirits of the just made perfect," aged 49 years and 4 months.

PORTER, E.

THIS minister of Jesus Christ was pastor of the Independent church and congregation at Highgate, Middlesex, where, for twenty-five years, he faithfully proclaimed the glorious gospel of the blessed God. After making full proof of his ministry he entered into rest, June 3rd, 1812, at the age of 56 years.

POPE, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the gospel, Meopham, Kent, was a native of Wiltshire and born 1793. When about sixteen years of age, it pleased God to call him by His grace to a saving acquaintance of Divine truth. Some time after he was baptized by John Warburton of Trowbridge, and began preaching in the villages round Wantage, Wallingford, Marlborough, &c. In July, 1833, he was ordained pastor over the Baptist church at Meopham, where for eighteen years he faithfully, affectionately, and zealously preached the word of life. He was a loving and lovable man, and in labours abundant. In the association of the churches of Kent and Sussex, he was its active secretary, and was succeeded in that office by the writer. The last sentence which fell from his dying lips was: "A guilty, weak, and helpless worm——" Here his voice and strength failed, the silver cord was loosed, and he sweetly fell asleep on the 22nd of March, 1851, in the 58th year of his age.

POWELL, THOMAS, SENIOR,

A VENERABLE servant of Jesus Christ and the beloved pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Mitchell Street Chapel, St. Luke's, London; where, for the period of forty-six years, he preached Christ, and Him crucified. Having fought the good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith, he was called to receive the crown of life, on the 18th of November, 1819, aged 80 years. He was more than 54 years in the ministry.

POWELL, THOMAS, JUNIOR,

SON of the above Mr. Powell of Mitchell Street, was for twenty-seven years the honoured pastor of the Baptist church, Peckham, Surrey; here he laboured, preaching the truth as it is in Jesus, all his days, and adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. His end was pre-eminently peace, and on the Lord's day, January the 11th, 1846, he was called to his everlasting rest in the 70th year of his age.

POYNDER, JOHN,

MANY years well known in the Baptist churches as a minister of the gospel and faithful labourer in the cause of God and truth. He was formerly pastor at Dane Hill and Newick in Sussex, and for thirty years a constant contributor to the Gospel Magazine, under the signature of "Crispin."

He entered peacefully and thankfully into rest in a good old age, 23rd of November, 1866. His last words were: "*I am longing to go home!*"

PRESTON, JOHN,

BAPTIST MINISTER and successively pastor of the Baptist churches in Suffolk Street, Borough, and Eden Street, Hampstead Road. He died in the faith and hope of the gospel, September 20th, 1847, aged 61, and was interred in the cemetery, Abney Park.

PRIESTLEY, TIMOTHY.

THIS excellent man of God was the younger brother of the notorious Socinian philosopher and theologian, Dr. Joseph Priestley. Timothy was born June 19th, 1734, near Leeds, in Yorkshire; when about sixteen years of age, he was brought to know *Him* whom to know is life eternal. He first began to preach about the year 1759, and in the year following was ordained pastor over the church at Kipping, Yorkshire. After residing there about five years, he accepted the pastorate at Manchester, where he continued seventeen years: during which period he occasionally visited London and preached at the Tabernacle, Moorfields. His brother was on one of these occasions then residing with the Earl of Shelbourne in Berkley Square, and meet-

ing him one day in the street the Doctor said: "Timothy, two brothers were never surely thus situated, it *mortifies me* when I am told 'there is a *brother* of yours preaching at the Tabernacle!'" Mr. Priestley was removed to London, where, in 1788, he became pastor of the Independent church in Jewin Street, and continued there all his days. For more than half a century he preached the gospel of the grace of God; twenty-five years of which he ministered with fidelity and zeal to his flock in Jewin Street. This venerable and devoted minister was well known in his day to the churches of Christ by his indefatigable labours in the cause of God and truth. His "Expositions and Annotations on the Holy Bible," and other valuable works, will endear his memory to Christians of every denomination. He finished his honourable course and slept in Jesus on the 23rd of April, 1814, in the 80th year of his age.

PRITCHARD, GEORGE,

FOR many years the well known and able pastor of the Baptist church, Keppel Street, Russell Square, London, was born in London on the 21st of December, 1773, and was one of the first editors of the "Primitive Church Magazine." For more than half a century he adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour, and during the greater portion of that time preached the gospel

of the grace of God in various parts of the kingdom. He discharged the duties of pastor, first at Colchester in Essex, afterwards at Shouldham Street, and finally at Keppel Street, London, with distinguished ability. In his last moments he said: "Jesus is my only refuge. He will soon say 'loose him and let him go.'" He died in peace in the month of November, 1852, aged 79 years, and devout men buried him in Abney Park Cemetery, Dr. Murch giving the funeral address.

PRICE, DOCTOR.

THIS eminent Baptist minister was born at Bristol in the year 1800. Early he became a member of the church at Broadmead, under the pastoral care of Dr. Ryland, and soon after entered the Baptist college in that city. He became co-pastor with Mr. Thomas of the church in Devonshire Square, London, and afterwards was sole pastor. It was here he published his lectures on Protestant Nonconformity, in two volumes. When he found himself forbidden by Providence to "preach the Word," he gave his attention to founding the "Dissenters' Life and Fire Insurance Company," and became the able editor of the "Eclectic Review." The manner of his death was in harmony with his life: confidingly submissive to the hand which was summoning him by that trying messenger bronchitis; his last testimony, and it was a valuable one, was to the

preciousness of that Cross, the efficacy of which too many in the vigour of life are explaining away.

Dr. Price could say on his death-bed, and say it with truth: "*I have read much and I have thought much* during my life, but now at last my feeling is

'Simply to Thy Cross I cling.'"

With feelings like these he solemnly and affectionately took leave of his family, and gradually breathed out his spirit into the hands of Him who had redeemed it, in the year of our Lord 1867.

PROBERT, EVAN,

THE excellent pastor of the City Road Baptist Chapel, Bristol; he was one of the oldest and most valued Dissenting ministers in that city, born in Radnorshire, about 1803. He was pastor of the church at Eastcombs, Gloucestershire, for near eight years, and removed to Pithay Baptist Chapel, Bristol, in 1834. A new and commodious chapel was erected for him in the year 1861, at Stoke's Croft, City Road, where he laboured faithfully to the end of his days; his ministry being greatly blessed to a large and constantly growing church. The last time he appeared in public was at the ordination of Mr. Clarke, at Broadmead Chapel, whom he addressed with such fatherly tenderness as drew tears from many who

heard it. A few days after he was attacked with a fatal illness, and entered into the joy of his Lord, on March 1, 1867, in the 64th year of his age.

PYM, ROBERT,

RECTOR of Elmley, Yorkshire, was born July 15, 1793, in the county of Bedfordshire. Early in life he was a banker's clerk in London, where he followed the devices and desires of his heart. In this state he one day entered Christ Church, Newgate Street, and heard the Bishop of Litchfield preach from the words, "I am crucified with Christ." The text rather than the sermon powerfully affected his mind, discovering to him the way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, and he found "peace in believing." Soon after he entered the ministry and was inducted into the rectory of Elmley, near Wakefield, in 1830, and there he continued to labour till 1861, when he was laid aside to glorify his blessed Master in the furnace of affliction, for nearly twelve months; during his sickness he enjoyed much of the Divine glory, and sometimes could scarcely contain the "joy unspeakable." A few hours before his departure he said, "I am dying very happy, just as I wished to die, I am in union with Christ." Again he said, "I die unto sin, but Jesus lives in
is all Jesus—nothing but Jesus. When
ears it will be all Jesus in heaven—I

am dying!" These were the last words he spoke, and gradually sank, till he drew his latest breath and entered upon a sabbath of eternal rest, on August 19, 1862.

RALPH, EDWARD,

THIRTY-FOUR years the beloved pastor of the Independent Church, Maidstone, Kent, was born in London, October 18, 1745. The Holy Spirit began a good work of grace in his soul under the ministry of the celebrated George Whitfield, at the Tabernacle, Moorfields. At length he was brought into the Christian ministry. In the year 1782 he received an invitation from the church at Maidstone to preach to them, and the following year was ordained pastor over them, where for thirty-four years he proclaimed the gospel of Christ with fidelity and great success, preaching three times every Lord's-day, till he was nearly seventy years of age. At length, strength failing him, he resigned his charge about the end of 1817, and in the following year fell from his chair in a fit of apoplexy, when the Lord called him home, June 9, 1818, at the age of 73.

RATE, JOSEPH,

A GOOD and able minister of the New Testament, and forty-four years pastor of the church of Christ, assembling in Zion Chapel, Alnwick, Northumberland. He fell asleep in Jesus in the full assurance

of faith, resting, with unwavering confidence, on that precious Saviour he had so long preached to others, December 5, 1845, aged 70 years.

REED, ANDREW, D.D.,

MINISTER of Wickliffe Chapel, Commercial Road, London. One of the most eloquent and popular preachers in his day, and an eminent philanthropist and author. He began his public career as pastor of the Independent church, New Road, St. George's in the East, where he was ordained over that people in 1811, and afterwards removed with his congregation to Wickliffe Chapel, which they erected, and where, for more than half a century, to the end of his days, he proclaimed the unsearchable riches of Christ. During that long period he was honoured to be the founder of the Orphan School at Reedham, the Asylum for Idiots, and other benevolent institutions. After having served his generation according to the will of God, he was called, full of years and honours, to his everlasting rest, and received the crown of life, on February 25, 1862.

REED, THOMAS,

MINISTER of the gospel, Cole Street Chapel, Dover Road, London. For many years well known in the churches in different parts of England. He was called to the ministry in 1819, and preached in Southwark, Cumberland Street, Shoreditch,

Fetter Lane, Fleet Street, and finally was settled over the church in Cole Street. Here his labours were arrested by cholera, of which he died October 1, 1849, aged 59. His last utterance was, "Sweet Jesus, let me die."

REES, JOHN,

OF Crown Street Chapel, London, and formerly of Rodborough. This celebrated and truly excellent minister of Christ was born in Carmarthen on the 20th of April, 1770. He had serious impressions from his youth, but, striving in his own strength, fell into many gross sins.

A book lent him, called "A Choice Drop of Honey from the Rock Christ," by God's blessing made a saving change in his mind, and led him to feel that, without an interest in Christ, he must perish for ever. From this period he says, "I know *whom* I have believed—Christ is a strong tower, a secure dwelling-place, and a supply for all my needs."

He became a regular hearer of William Huntington, while in London, and returning to Wales, entered the ministry, and laboured more than twenty years in Pembrokeshire, and afterwards settled at Rodborough, in Gloucestershire, where, as pastor of the Tabernacle, his ministry was crowned with abundant blessings, frequently preaching in the metropolis at Spa Fields Tabernacle, and Tottenham Court Chapel. In

1822 he removed to London, and settled as pastor over the church in Crown Street, Soho, where he laboured to the close of life.

Mr. Rees was a great sufferer from asthma for many years, and his last illness was very protracted. In the prospect of death he said, "I hear of a reward—ah! I know what to do with it —the moment I get my crown, I will cast myself, *crown and all*, at *His* feet, and sing, 'Thou art worthy to receive all honour and glory.'" Dr. Leifchild, his near neighbour and the eminent minister of Craven Street Chapel, saw him just before the last conflict, and begged he would, for the last time in few words, tell what his feelings were at that solemn moment. This appeal to his honour and religion roused him, freshened his dying lamp. Raising himself, he looked the Doctor full in the face, and, with an energy and dignity never to be forgotten, said, "*Christ* in His person, *Christ* in His offices, *Christ* in the love of His heart, and *Christ* in the power of His arm, is the Rock on which I rest, and now, *death! strike!*" He then sunk on his pillow exhausted, and closed his eyes in peace, January, 1833, in the 63rd year of his age.

REYNOLDS, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Baptist Chapel, March, in Cambridgeshire. Born 1788 at Ripstone, in the West Riding of Yorkshire. He was for many years a

well-known and highly esteemed minister of the gospel of the grace of God. He was successively pastor over the churches at Wattisham, Suffolk, Greenwich and Eynsford, Kent, and finally closed his ministry at March in the Isle of Ely. His knowledge of astronomy led to extensive engagements in lecturing to Sunday Schools in various parts of the kingdom. But at length, having finished his appointed work, he was called to receive his reward on the 6th of September, 1856, aged 71 years.

RICHMOND, LEGH, A.M.,

AN excellent and revered minister of Jesus Christ, whose praise is in all the churches, was born at Liverpool, January 29, 1772. He was ordained to the ministry in the Church of England at Brading, in the Isle of Wight, January 29, 1797, and was removed to the rectory at Turvey, Bedfordshire, October, 1805. The great Master crowned him with much success in his labours, though he was called to pass through great tribulation, in which he was divinely sustained and comforted. He was called from his labours and sorrows to receive the crown of life, May 8, 1827.

Mr. Richmond was the amiable author of many popular and useful works. To name but "The Dairyman's Daughter," "The Young Cottager,"

and "Annals of the Poor," is to touch a chord which vibrates in every Christian bosom.

RIPPON, JOHN, D.D.

THIS venerable servant of Christ was born in 1751, in the county of Devonshire. He was called to the ministry by the church at Up Ottery, and in 1773 was ordained pastor of the Baptist church, Carter Lane, Southwark, now New Park Street, where, as successor of the learned Dr. Gill, he laboured in the gospel for the long period of *sixty-three years*. He rendered important service to the churches both in England and America by the compilation of his selection of hymns, which, in some respects, has long been without a rival, and by the publication of the "Baptist Register," from 1790 to 1802. Drs. Gill and Rippon were pastors of the church for 117 years. Dr. Rippon was called home full of days to his eternal rest on the 17th of December, 1836, at the patriarchal age of 86 years.

RIVETT, FRANCIS,

A GOOD minister of Jesus Christ, and pastor of the Baptist church at Coggeshall, Essex. He was born in the county of Suffolk, in the year 1794, and for twenty-one years faithfully dispensed the word of life to his beloved flock at

Coggeshall. He died of cholera on the 25th of October, 1849, aged 55. His last expression was, "*Praise the Lord.*"

ROBERTS, WILLIAM,

Born at Bedworth, near Coventry, 25th December, 1780. In early life he was a soldier, and his career profligate. But while quartered near Ipswich, in Suffolk, he became a changed character. He was baptized soon after by Mr. Thompson, at Grundisburgh, and admitted into the church there. The corps to which he belonged was marched into Sussex. Here, as he became known, he was often called upon to preach, and his labours were greatly owned of God. His discharge from the army was procured, and a church was formed at Dane Hill, Sussex, in a chapel built by his exertions, and over which he was ordained pastor. He laboured here, and at Newick, for thirty-three years, and many souls were gathered out of the world by his instrumentality. He afterwards became pastor of the church at Chelsea, near Leighton, Beds. Here he finished his labours, November 9th, 1852, aged 73 years.

ROBINSON, CHARLES,

A good minister of Jesus Christ. Born in London, in the year 1800, and many years pastor of the

Baptist church in Borough Green, Kent. He formerly discharged the office of pastor over the church of Christ, in Brentford, Middlesex. This humble man of God was for forty years a faithful and affectionate preacher of the everlasting gospel, well known and esteemed in the churches of Christ. The closing scenes of his life were calm and peaceful. He lived in the truth—loved the truth he lived in—and preached the truth he loved—and died in the faith he preached to others. Faithful unto death, he received the crown of life, January 9th, 1862, aged 62.

ROBY, WILLIAM.

THIS distinguished minister of the gospel was born near Wigan, in Lancashire, March 26, 1766. He commenced his ministry in the county of Worcester, and then for seven years at Wigan. In the year 1795 he became pastor over the church at Grosvenor Street Chapel, Manchester, where he continued until his death, a period of thirty-five years, January 11, 1830, in the 64th year of his age.

As an author Mr. Roby was more distinguished by the number than the magnitude of his publications. His largest work consists of "Lectures on the Evidences of Revealed Religion," an octavo volume of 373 pages.

ROOKER, WILLIAM,

OF TAVISTOCK. This excellent servant of the Most High God says of himself:

"My course has not been the calm flow of a tranquil stream that many have supposed; I have had storms and tempests in my inner life. At the age of fourteen years I professed faith in Christ, and at sixteen entered the Western Academy at Taunton, to prepare for the ministry. I think *now* I was too young, even though I was truly born of God. The blossom had not settled into fruit. There's great danger when young men are brought into the ministry on promising appearances, rather than on decided evidences of grace. The apostle's rule should be ours, 'That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you.'"

He then mentions his early ministry at Chalford and Chalfont, Bucks, and several other places, and then the gracious Providence which placed him pastor over his beloved flock at Tavistock, where to the end of his days he laboured in the gospel. Often was he severely tried, he says, "with an intense agony which shook my very soul for the witness of the Spirit that I was indeed called and chosen to the work of the ministry." At length the Lord gave him rest, and many precious souls were given as seals to his ministry; so that the church had peace and rest, and many were converted and turned to the Lord. Yet with self-abasement he says, when in view

of death, "I must begin at the lowest place, beneath the foot of my Redeemer's Cross, and under the droppings of His blood, and I call God to witness that I come with ten thousand thousand sins—the sins of more than seventy years, and I roll them all upon Christ, asking Him to bear the load." Another time he said, "I suppose you expected to have found me in the land of Beulah, or on the delectable mountains with my glass in hand telling the towers of the heavenly city. But after sixty years' ministry here's poor old Rooker just creeping into heaven, and glad to throw himself under the full robe of Christ's righteousness." Again he said, "O what a mercy if I, who have deserved to be an outcast, should for Christ's sake be accounted faithful! It's a solemn thing to look back on sixty years in preaching the gospel. God has blessed me—I cannot deny it—there have been many at Tavistock who were living epistles of Christ; I have been honoured to build up saints. But ministers little know—they can have no idea until they stand on the threshold of eternity, with their commission in their hand—what that gospel is, or how awful is their trust!"

This choice saint was favoured at the last with Divine assurance. The nurse standing by his bed-side, he raised himself on her arm, she remarked, "Dying is hard work, sir." He said with quick energy, "*Death is nothing! Jesus is so precious!*" And leaning his head on her arm in

a moment, without a struggle, he had breathed his last, in the month of April, 1852.

ROSS, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Independent Church meeting in Salem Chapel, Shadwell, London. He was born at South Shields, August 2, 1777, and died peacefully in the Lord, December 23, 1808, aged 31 years, more than half of which he spent in the ministry. In his departing moments, being asked how he felt, he replied, "Hanging on the atonement."

ROW, THOMAS,

MANY years Baptist minister at Little Gransden, Cambridgeshire. He was well known to the Christian churches round Cambs, Hunts, and other places, as a plain, humble, and honest servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, very singular and methodical in his habits, and for thirty years was a constant contributor of hymns and many useful papers to the pages of the "Gospel Herald." Mr. Row's last end was peace. He said to a friend, "There are two things of great importance, Christ's *smiles* and Christ's *service*." He complained of his spiritual deficiencies, and longed to be with his Lord, to serve him as he ought, then, conscious the time of his departure was at hand, he exclaimed, "Angels, come on," "Come Lord

Jesus, come quickly," and thus gently his spirit passed away, January 3, 1868, aged 82 years.

RUDMAN, JOSEPH F.,

Of Plymouth. This young servant of the Lord Jesus Christ was a burning and a shining light during his short career as pastor of the Baptist church of Trinity Chapel, Plymouth. He was a laborious minister, and his labours were eminently owned and blessed of God, to the conversion, comforting, and establishing of many souls. Numbers were added to the church, and peace and prosperity crowned his efforts; but his race was short and his warfare soon accomplished. During his last illness his wife asked if he did not wish to be raised up again? He looked up and gently said, "No, my dear, I have no wish either way. I have no will in the matter." Just before his departure a servant went into the room, and seeing him so prostrate, she said in a low voice, "Poor thing!" He heard her, looked up and said, "No! I am rich." His breathing now became shorter, and without the least struggle he fell asleep in Jesus, January 5, 1854, in the 28th year of his age.

RYECROFT, W. K.,

Formerly Baptist minister in London, where for some time he laboured in Bethesda Chapel, City Road, and for the last twenty years of his life, a

devoted, energetic, and successful missionary in the extensive group of the Bahama Islands, and in the north of San Domingo. He was called from his labours to his everlasting rest, on June 22, 1865.

RYLAND, JOHN, D.D.,

SON of the justly celebrated John Ryland, of Northampton. He was born at Warwick, January 29, 1753. At a very early age he discovered a great aptitude for learning—studying the Hebrew language from his childhood—and when only seven years old, read a chapter in the Hebrew Bible to the excellent James Hervey. Dr. Ryland ranked high both as a minister and theological tutor. He was for many years pastor over the Baptist Church, Broadmead, Bristol. After a long life of exemplary diligence in the cause of God, and in the promotion of Baptist missions, both at home and abroad, he fell asleep in Jesus, July 25, 1825. Having laboured in the gospel for more than half a century, "he rests from his labours."

SAFFERY, JOHN.

THIS well-known minister of the gospel was upwards of thirty years the able and beloved pastor of the Baptist church in Salisbury. By his fruitful ministry many were brought to the

acknowledgment of the truth, and believers were established and built up in their most holy faith. After much tribulation he entered into the kingdom of peace and rest, March 9th, 1825.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

SAUNDERS, JOHN,

OF Hadleigh Heath: more than three score and ten years a devoted and faithful minister of Christ in the Baptist denomination, in the county of Suffolk. He was instrumental in turning many to righteousness, and died as he lived, full of faith, giving glory to God, January 6th, 1848, aged 91 years!

SAUNDERS, ISAAC, A.M.,

RECTOR of St. Andrew's by the Wardrobe, and St. Ann's, Blackfriars. He was preaching on the occasion of the new year, from the text in the Epistle to Colossians ii. 8, 9, 10, and had proceeded in his sermon to the tenth verse, when, on uttering the words "*Ye are complete in Him,*" he suddenly stopped short, fell on his breast upon the cushion, and then dropped backwards on the floor of his pulpit. The alarm of his congregation was excessive when it was found that he was unable to rise. Two medical gentlemen who

were present immediately rushed up to him and opened a vein, but the hand of death was upon him: only a few drops of blood followed the lancet, and in a few minutes he breathed his last in that pulpit from which he had for so many years proclaimed the glorious gospel of the blessed God. He died at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock, amid the tears of his congregation.

"*Be ye also ready!*"

SAVORY, WILLIAM,

Of Bond Street Chapel, Brighton; he was born in the year 1792, at Wantage, Berkshire. When a lad at school he was in deep soul-concern for salvation, which excited the alarm of some of his family lest he should become a *Methodist.* But as the good work was begun, it was maintained and carried on to the end. In 1820 he was baptized by Mr. J. A. Jones at Hartley Row, and labouring in village-preaching was made eminently useful to many. He gathered a congregation at Knowl Hill, Berkshire, where a chapel was erected. In the year 1829 he was ordained to the pastoral office over the Baptist church, Bond Street, Brighton, where, for twenty-four years, and to the end of his days, he continued faithfully and affectionately preaching Christ. Great power and savour attended his ministry: many were called to a knowledge of the truth, and the church increased and multiplied. His

last affliction was a very painful one, but the God of patience and consolation was with him. The closing scene was tranquil; shortly before the spirit departed he said:—

"Loved of my God, to Him again
With love intense I burn;
Chosen in Christ e'er time began,
I choose him in return."

He then closed his eyes and peacefully slept in Jesus, 1854.

SAXBY, JOHN.

THIS tried and faithful servant of the Lord was born in London, 1802. He feared the Lord from his youth, and preached the gospel for many years. In 1849 he succeeded the writer in his pastoral office over the church in Zion Chapel, Sheerness, and for the last seventeen years of his life laboured as the useful and affectionate pastor of the Baptist church at Crowborough, Sussex. After enduring a "great fight of afflictions" in his family and connections, his Divine Master called him to everlasting rest on the evening of the Lord's-day, March 10th, 1867, in the 65th year of his age.

SAYCE, GEORGE,

TWENTY-SIX years the laborious pastor of the Christian church meeting in Chester Street, Wrexham. He was long the subject of a dis-

tressing complaint, but at length his release was signed, and he entered into that world where there is no more pain, or sorrow, or death, February 20th, 1847, aged 53 years.

SEDGWICK, JOSEPH,

For nearly thirty years pastor of the Baptist church assembling in Ebenezer Chapel, Brighton. He was born about the year 1797. While yet a child he was deeply impressed about a future state. He was once overheard sobbing, when alone: "*My grandmother is going to heaven! My mother is going to heaven!* But oh! what will become of poor Joe?" Under the ministry of good John Keeble at Blandford Street, London, his mind was enlightened, and the gospel became the power of God to his salvation; some time after he was baptized and added to the church there. His first visit to Brighton was in 1822, where he preached the gospel, and was heard with much interest: many were gathered together and a church was formed, over which he was chosen to be pastor. Afterwards a commodious chapel was erected, and in April, 1825, was opened for Divine worship. Here he laboured in word and doctrine, making full proof of his ministry to the close of life. When he found his end approaching, he said: "What I have preached so many years I am now leaning upon. The Saviour is my prop and salvation." In his

last hours he could not speak nor write—but motioned with his hand—his lips moved—he smiled—his arm dropped—he gently sighed and went home to rest from his labours, closing his eyes on all mortal scenes, March 26th, 1853, in the 56th year of his age.

SEWELL, JOSHUA,

MINISTER of the Independent church, Thaxted, near Saffron Walden, Essex, where for twenty-two years he faithfully preached the whole counsel of God, according to the measure of grace afforded him. He was much beloved and highly esteemed for his work's sake. After a long and painful illness he was called to his heavenly inheritance, October 6th, 1847, aged 52 years.

SHARP, THOMAS.

THIS eminent minister of the good old Puritan school was formerly pastor of the church of Christ, Union Street Chapel, Woolwich, and about the year 1833 was elected to the pastorate of the church in Crown Street Chapel, Soho, London, where, as successor to the excellent John Rees he laboured with energy and faithfulness to the close of his useful life, and entered into the joy of his Lord.

SHENSTON, JOHN BRITTON,

WELL known as the respected minister of the *Seventh-Day Baptist church*, in Elden Street, Finsbury. He finished his course with joy on the 12th of May, 1844, in his 69th year, when his earthly remains ware interred in Abney Park Cemetery, Dr. Murch and George Pritchard officiating.*

SHERMAN, JAMES,

OF Surrey Chapel, London. This powerful minister of the New Testament first came into notice as the pastor of the church of Christ at Reading, Berkshire, and afterwards became more widely and favourably known as the able successor of the venerable Rowland Hill at Surrey Chapel. Mr. Sherman was a practical and powerful preacher, and thousands can testify to the warmth and savour that attended his occasional ministrations, embracing, as they did, the fundamental doctrines of grace, to an extent unknown to many of his contemporaries. In his later years he resigned his charge at Surrey Chapel, and undertook one of a more limited character at Blackheath, where, in peace and hope he closed his honourable career. He died in the Lord on the 15th of February, 1862, aged 67 years.

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* Mr. Shenstone was brother of William Shenstone, who for many years was the able pastor of the Baptist church, Little Alie Street, London, and was succeeded in the pastorate by Mr. Philip Dickerson.

SHIRLEY, THOMAS,

Of Seven Oaks, Kent. This highly esteemed minister of the gospel, whose praise is in all the churches, was born at Brill in Bucks, on the 10th of March, 1775. At an early age he came to London, where, under the ministry of Mr. Romaine he was brought to know himself as a sinner, and eventually was blessed with peace in Jesus. Some time after he was baptized by Mr. Freeman at Woolwich, who, in conjunction with Dr. Rippon of Carter Lane, encouraged him to exercise his gifts for the Christian ministry, and eventually his steps were directed to Seven Oaks, where he was ordained pastor over the Baptist church there.

During his long and useful ministry of forty years he acquired an extensive influence among the churches in the county of Kent. When Mr. Shirley was in declining years the writer well remembers preaching for him and spending a happy Lord's-day at Seven-Oaks. The last Sabbath this man of God spent on earth, he spoke very sweetly of the Lord's goodness to him, and the blessed prospect of shortly being with Him in glory. He requested a chapter to be read, and then himself engaged in prayer. On the next day his speech failed, and he lay as in a deep sleep, from which he never awoke. The *Master* called him home, and he departed without a

groan, on the 18th of November, 1858, aged 84 years.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

SHORTER, JAMES,

A WELL known minister of Christ in London, and a scribe well instructed in the mysteries of the kingdom. He was pastor of the Baptist church in Wilderness Row. This faithful servant of the Lord died at Islington, July 28, 1861, aged 64 years, and was buried in the cemetery Abney Park.—"Faithful unto death."

SIBREE, JOHN,

OF Frome, Somerset, was born in London, April 29, 1764, brought up at Merton, in Surrey, where he continued till his twentieth year, a stranger to himself as a sinner, and to the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Saviour; preserved by a restraining power from many outward excesses, yet seeking happiness in the follies of youth. About this period it pleased God, who is rich in mercy, to call him by His grace by means of that invaluable work, Hervey's "Theron and Aspasio." Convinced of sin, righteousness, and judgment, he fled for refuge to the hope set before him, and from that time was brought to know and serve the Lord, manifesting an ardent love

to the preaching of the gospel, especially the valued ministry of Mr. Romaine. He was at length brought under the notice of the excellent William Jay, of Bath, who, perceiving that the Lord had a work for him in the ministry, introduced him to Mr. Matthew Wilks, and other distinguished ministers, who, after a course of preparatory studies, encouraged him to go forth and preach the gospel.

The Lord directed his way to Frome, where, in the year 1791, he was set apart to the pastoral office over the Independent church in that place. This was the scene of his valuable ministry until he died.

Mr. Sibree was a deeply tried man; affected with stone in the kidneys, he was scarcely ever free from bodily pain. A morbid melancholy—which first appeared in his 27th year—was distressing beyond description; indeed, such dejection, gloom, and despair as made life a burden, during which he could neither preach, nor converse, nor read or pray, and would give himself up for lost. In the several attacks of this malady he could not have suffered less than four whole years of dreadful misery.

As a Christian he intimately walked with God, as a minister he faithfully served God in the gospel of his Son; his ministry was distinguished by a holy unction, proving that he did not deal in the "commerce of unfelt truths." About a fortnight before his death he said, "There's no

consolation for me! I'm sinking into an eternal world while the frown of God is upon me! O my agonies! my agonies! I shall be distracted!" After this, however, he enjoyed ease and tranquillity. He was asked to take his medicine, "It will do you good, sir." He replied, "God *has* done me good. He *is* good, and doeth good, and will do me good to all eternity, and as long as God exists I shall be happy." At another time he exclaimed, "Delightful thought! I shall be with God, no sin, no sorrow, no horror, no pain in heaven—but paradise! joy!" Observing his wife in tears, he said, "When you have *done* weeping we shall both have a place in heaven; there I shall see Romaine—there I shall see my dear mother." The last words he distinctly uttered were, "Sovereign Saviour!" and shortly after his quivering lips murmured, "Farewell—good-bye—heaven!" And his happy spirit took its flight to the regions of everlasting rest, after a ministry of thirty years, February 13, 1820, aged 55 years.

SILVER, FREDERICK,

THIS devoted minister of the sanctuary was educated and trained for the law. But God designed him for the gospel, and, instead of pleading at the bar; to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ; he was for many years the affectionate pastor over the church meeting in Jewry Street Chapel, Aldgate. During this time he was frequently

engaged in various parts of the kingdom, in the opening of new chapels, anniversaries, and ordinations. He was a true *Barnabas*, and a "son of consolation" to many. His end was peace. During his last moments he said, "I think I never in all my life enjoyed such sweet communion with the Lord!" And turning on his side, was thought to sleep, but he had fallen asleep in Jesus without a groan or sigh, October 7, 1864, aged 83 years. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

SIMEON, CHARLES, A.M.,

OF Cambridge. This truly excellent evangelical clergyman was born at Reading, 1759, studied at King's College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1782, over the parish at Trinity Church, in that city. Here he became the centre of Christian effort, by preaching and publishing gospel truth, and drew around him a constant succession of youths, to whom his ministry and advice were signally blessed of God, and whose after lives were spent to the Divine glory. Mr. Simeon was the *spiritual father* of many. He died full of years and faith, 1836.

SIMPSON, WILLIAM WOOLEY,

MINISTER of the gospel, was born at Diss in Norfolk, March the 5th, 1748, and was between *forty*

and fifty years of age when called by grace. Feeling an intense desire for the ministry, he began to speak in his Master's name at the advanced age of *fifty-three years*, and preached his *first* sermon to the church at Diss, of which he had become a member by baptism, in 1802. He began to preach in the neighbouring town of Eye, in Suffolk, where, after enduring much persecution for the gospel's sake, a chapel was built and a church formed, over which he was ordained pastor in 1810. Here he continued to preach the word of life until age and infirmities laid him prostrate, and on the 26th of September, 1828, he entered into the joy of his Lord, breathing out his last words: "*My meditations of Him are so sweet!*" in the 81st year of his age.

SMITH, ADAM,

FORMERLY the valuable pastor of the Baptist church, Broad Street, Nottingham, and afterwards at Quorndon, Leicestershire. He finished his course, and in peace and hope of the gospel he had preached, entered his everlasting rest on the 9th of September, 1847.

SMITH, GEORGE CHARLES,

OF Penzance, Cornwall, (commonly known as Boatswain and Captain Smith). This popular minister of the gospel was born in London, 1782;

being full of energy, and of a restless, rambling disposition, he resolved, at a very early age, to go to sea. In a few years he was horror stricken at the scenes witnessed in these "*floating hells*," as he called the British man-of-war ships, but he served for several years under Lord Duncan and Lord Nelson. It was about this time, 1802, his soul was deeply impressed with the fear of God, and soon after left the Navy to devote his time and energies to the benefit of seamen. At Plymouth and London he laboured diligently for their moral and religious improvement. In 1807 he was set apart for the ministry at Devonport, and established the first Sailors' Gospel Mission in Cornwall. Its success was great, and Dr. Rippon had a similar mission in his own chapel, Tooley Street, London. Mr. Smith may be called the father of Sailors' Homes, Missions, and kindred institutions; for half a century he took a deep interest in their welfare. His annual visits to the metropolis and the principal towns in England, Ireland, and Scotland will long be remembered: where, in many of the leading pulpits he preached to thousands who flocked to hear. He was also, in his day, the prince of open-air preachers. On Tower Hill, Smithfield, Blackheath, and other places in and around London, tens of thousands have listened with pleasure and profit. Indeed, no one can calculate the immense benefit of his labours, but the *Day* shall declare it. He finished his labours and entered his heavenly rest, 10th January, 1863, aged 81.

SMITH, JAMES,

Of Cheltenham, a well known and eminently useful minister of Christ. He was born at Brentford, Middlesex, November, 1802. When a lad he fell into a very deep well near his mother's house, and was rescued with great difficulty; this, with a sermon he heard soon after, made a deep and lasting impression on his mind, and brought him to experience "Repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." In the year 1820 he was baptized and united to the church at Brentford. Some time after he was sent to preach the gospel at Alton in Hampshire, Devizes, and many other places. In the summer of 1828 he preached his first sermon in Cheltenham. He says: "A remarkable circumstance occurred under this sermon. A man and his wife came to hear me, the woman was savingly converted to God, and the man went and hanged himself." In 1841 Mr. Smith was invited to the pastorate over the church in New Park Street, London, where he laboured until the year 1850, and subsequently returned to Cheltenham, where, soon after, Cambray Chapel was erected for the accommodation of his increasing congregation. Here he laboured both from the pulpit and the press until prostrated by paralysis, and on the 15th of December, 1862, he rested from his labours and received the crown of life, in the 60th year of his age.

SMITH, JOHN PYE, D.D.,

FOR nearly half a century the eminent minister of the Independent church at the Gravel Pit meeting-house, Homerton. This learned and amiable divine was born at Sheffield, 1775, and was the early friend of the Christian poet, James Montgomery, whom he aided in some of his publications. He began preaching in villages, and was at length entered into the college at Rotherham, where he distinguished himself by his acquirements. In 1801 he undertook the duties of tutor in Homerton College, which he continued to discharge with eminent success for *fifty years*, and during nearly the whole of that time sustained the office of pastor. Dr. Smith's writings are numerous, his largest and most valuable is "The Scripture Testimony to the Messiah." He closed his earthly and honourable career and entered into the joy of his Lord on the 5th of February, 1851.

SMITH, THOMAS,

AN eminent minister of London, and for many years the able pastor of the church of Christ at Trinity Chapel, Leather Lane, Holborn. He was born in London, and was one of those blessed men of God who were educated for the work of the ministry under the patronage of that *elect lady*, Selina, the late Countess of Huntingdon, at the college of Trevecca in South Wales. The

writer in his younger years was favoured to be a member of the church in Trinity Chapel, and was much profited by the powerful ministry of his pastor, who was a bold champion of the Cross, a Boanerges and son of thunder, and no less a son of consolation to those who were mourners in Zion. He preached his *first* sermon at the College chapel, before the Countess of Huntingdon, when only *fourteen* years of age (a copy of which is now in the possession of the compiler). During the time of membership with him, he was afflicted with blindness for eighteen months, but submitting to *four* successful operations on his left eye, he was happily restored to sight. Mr. Smith was a popular writer, and published several works, "A Concordance to the Holy Scriptures," "A History of the London Missionary Society," and several poetical works. He finished his labours and entered into his everlasting rest about the close of the year 1829.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

SOPER, WILLIAM,

MINISTER of the gospel, formerly of Harwich, Essex; and for many years the excellent chaplain of the Nunn Head Cemetery. He was highly valued, being held in much esteem among the churches of the saints. His ministrations found ready acceptance with those who loved the liberty of

the gospel. He died as he lived, illustrating the apostle's utterance, "Thanks be unto God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." He entered into peace and rest on the 21st of February, 1859, in a good old age, at his residence, Littlefield Lodge, Peckham, Surrey.

SOWERBY, THOMAS.

THIS devoted man of God was born at Oxford, 1748. When a young man he went to London, and under the ministry of the gospel at the Tabernacle, Moorfields, was brought to the feet of Jesus. At thirty years of age he was baptized, and became a member of the church at Unicorn Yard, Tooley Street. At length the church at Battle Bridge, discovering he had "gifts for the work of the ministry," called him to the pastoral office over them, where he remained all his days, serving them with great faithfulness and affection till the Master called him home on January 4, 1819, in his 71st year.

"*He walked with God.*"

SPURGEON, JAMES,

THIS venerable servant of God was born at Halstead, Essex, 1776. He began, while yet a youth, to preach the word. Sprung of ancestors who had loved the Lord and served His church; having felt the glow of divine love in his own heart,

he was set apart to the work of the ministry in the year 1806. After sustaining the pastorate for five years at Clare, Suffolk, he became minister of the church at Stanbourne, Essex, where for more than fifty years he continued his labours. In his early days his sober earnestness and sound doctrine were owned of God in many conversions, and at the age of *fourscore years* he preached on still, until laden with infirmities, but yet with the cheerfulness of youth, he was called to his reward. His grandson, the celebrated C. H. Spurgeon, says, "I am thankful that I had such a grandsire. He talked on his dying bed as cheerfully as men do in the vigour of their health, of the preciousness of Christ, the truthfulness of the promises, the immutability of the covenant, and the infallibility of the divine decrees." He finished his earthly course on the 12th of February, 1864, at the honourable age of 87 years.

SQUIRRELL, SAMUEL,

MANY years Baptist minister, at Sutton, near Woodbridge, Suffolk. In early life he was called by grace, and united to the church at Wattisham. The late excellent John Thompson, of Grundesburgh, had introduced the gospel into Sutton, and in 1806 Mr. Squirrell was directed here. He commenced his ministry in a cottage, afterwards he preached in a barn, and soon a chapel was erected; the congregation increasing, it was

enlarged twice, and for thirty-eight years he laboured with fidelity and zeal, with numerous tokens of the divine blessing. He died in faith and hope of the gospel, January 10, 1845.

STANGER, JOHN,

A GOOD minister of Jesus Christ, and pastor of the Baptist church, Bessel's Green, Kent, where, for the long period of fifty-seven years, he served them with fidelity and fed them with the bread of life. After accomplishing his work, full of faith he fell on sleep in the 81st year of his age, April 13, 1823.

STEADMAN, WILLIAM, D.D.,

BAPTIST minister of Bradford, Yorkshire, was a native of Herefordshire. Having been called by divine grace in early life by witnessing the administration of baptism, he himself was baptized, and became a member of the church at Leominster. He studied for the ministry at Bristol, and in 1791 was ordained over the church at Broughton, Hants. From thence he removed to Davenport, and in 1805 became pastor of the first Baptist church at Bradford. Soon after he was elected president of the College at Horton, near Bradford. About one hundred and eighty ministers studied under his direction, many of whom were blessings to the churches of our own

and other lands. After having laboured with fidelity, diligence, and success, he was called home to his eternal reward in the 73rd year of his age.

STENSON, JOHN,

MINISTER of the gospel, Carmel Chapel, Pimlico, London, was born in Westminster on the 22nd of August, 1801. He was related, on his mother's side, to the celebrated Daniel Herbert, of Sudbury. His first convictions of sin were in early youth. He was baptized by William Williams, of Grafton Street Chapel, Soho, and united to the church assembling there at the age of twenty, and elected to the office of deacon before he was two and twenty. Some years after he was employed preaching the gospel in workhouses. The first place in which he commenced his labours was St. James's Workhouse, where he continued for twelve months. He afterwards preached at Greenford, and several other places. About the age of twenty-eight he was called to labour at two places, Mitchell Street Chapel, St. Luke's, and at Carmel Chapel, Pimlico, which he undertook, preaching at one place in the morning, and at the other in the evening; and was ultimately ordained pastor over the church at Carmel, where for twenty-five years he laboured a diligent and faithful shepherd of the flock—feeding the lambs, seeking the wanderers, binding up the

broken-hearted, and giving to each a portion in due season. Though self-taught, he was master of the English, French, Latin, and Greek languages. But at length every effort to study was accompanied with intense pain at the back of his head, which compelled him to desist. At last his mind began to wander, and he became quite prostrate for many weeks. Towards his end he rallied, and was able to converse on the name of Jesus; embracing his family with tender affection, the last words he uttered, were "Peace, peace, all is peace!" and the moment came when his ransomed spirit passed away to realms of glory and immortality.

"One gentle sigh his fetters broke,
One scarce could say "*He's gone!*"
Before his ransomed spirit took
Its station near the throne."

Thus, on the 9th of October, 1856, and in the 55th year of his age, was he added to the number of those who "all died in faith." After death, his head was opened, and was found to possess not one particle of brain. *He spent it in his Master's service.*

STEVENS, JOHN,

THIS excellent preacher was born at Aldwinkle, Northamptonshire, June 8, 1776. His parents were God-fearing persons attending the ministry of the excellent Dr. Haweis, rector of Aldwinkle, and one of the preachers in the Countess of

Huntingdon's connection. Under his ministry, Mr. Stevens was brought, at a very early age, to feel a deep sense of his need of a Saviour. Dr. Haweis made proposals to procure his admission to one of the universities, but the youth declined it, and coming to London, about the age of sixteen, he attended the ministry of good Mr. Burnham, at Grafton Street Chapel, and was baptized by him, and united with the church under his care. A few years after he returned to his native village, and began to preach Christ crucified, delivering his *first* sermon in the house of his grandfather. His first stated place of labour was at Oundle, Northamptonshire, memorable in the affections of the writer, who has occupied the same pulpit on several public occasions. In 1800 Mr. Stevens removed to St. Neot's, Hunts, where he continued about six years, and was succeeded by the venerated George Murrell. From St. Neot's Mr. Stevens became the chosen pastor of the Baptist church, Boston, Lincolnshire. Here his labours were more numerous and extensive, and greatly blessed to many. On the death of Mr. Burnham, in 1811, he came to London, and succeeded him in the pastorate at Grafton Street, but it was found necessary to remove to a larger place, and for some years he occupied a very spacious chapel in York Street, St. James's. In the year 1824, Mr. Stevens and his congregation removed to their new place of worship which they built in

Meard's Court, Soho, and called "Salem Chapel." Here, surrounded by a numerous congregation, a prosperous and happy church, he laboured for twenty-three years. During this period he continued his frequent engagements at anniversary and other special occasions through the kingdom. But his end drew near. On the twenty-third anniversary of Salem Chapel, he preached his *last* sermon, and his attached people saw his face no more. On the 6th of October, 1847, his ransomed spirit took its flight to the regions of everlasting rest, in the 72nd year of his age. This eminent man of God was for more than half a century an able minister of Christ, and the eloquent advocate of the doctrines of sovereign grace. His numerous writings remain to show his capacious and sanctified mind, and by them

"*He being dead, yet speaketh.*"

STONEHOUSE, GEORGE,

MINISTER of the particular Baptist church, Cranbrook, Kent, where for thirty years as the beloved pastor of the flock, he preached the doctrines of grace, the sweet experience of them in the soul, and their practical development in the life. From first to last, Christ was all in all to him. He departed this life rejoicing in hope. His last words were "Happy in Christ," January 21, 1813, in the 63rd year of his age.

SUTCLIFF, JOHN,

WAS for thirty years the faithful and affectionate pastor of the Baptist church at Olney, Bucks; he was born at Halifax, Yorkshire, August 9, 1752. It was his honour and happiness to have introduced the celebrated Dr. Carey to the ministry. Mr. Sutcliff's influence was widely felt by the Baptist missionaries in India, and by the whole denomination of which he was so bright an ornament. On the day of his departure he said to his wife, "My love, I commit you to Jesus—our separation will not be long—read much in the Psalms of David—be much in prayer;" and later still, "Flesh and heart fail—all the powers and faculties of body and mind are going to pieces. I go to Jesus—let me go." All was over, and his ransomed spirit fled to the bosom of his Saviour God, June 22, 1814, aged 62. The following lines were frequently on his lips during his illness—

> "My soul has tasted Canaan's grapes,
> And now I long to go
> Where my dear Lord his vineyard keeps,
> And all the clusters grow."

SUTTON, THOMAS,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. He was born at Cottenham, January 21, 1779. Blest by nature with a very strong and well developed organization, at an early age

he evinced the features that in after days constituted the great and useful man. While a shepherd on the plains he learned to read, and with such perseverance, that in a short time he could read our standard poets and other writers with tolerable fluency. The God who made the man and endowed him with the gifts he possessed, made him also the recipient of a new and heavenly life, opened up to him His gracious design in calling him from the service of sin to himself, and gave him such a deep view of his own depravity, as wounded and humbled him, and led him to the Cross for pardon, peace, and salvation, through the blood of the Lamb. In after years when called to the ministry, he was often known to relate these things in a way that deeply affected many who listened to his discourses. Under his pastoral care the cause of God prospered; numerous accessions to the church were annually made, the chapel was repeatedly enlarged, and during the long period of his useful life a constant succession of spiritual prosperity attended his labours. He was, indeed, an able minister of the New Testament, a God-fearing Christian, a whole-hearted patron of every society that had in view the moral and spiritual elevation of mankind. And he who had been instrumental in edifying and consoling so many distressed ones in life, was not himself destitute of consolation in the hour of death. He finished his career in a calm, unshaken confidence that the poor worn-out

body he was about to leave would be exchanged for an immortal and glorious state of existence in a brighter and happier world, which he entered in a good old age, in the year of our Lord 1860.

TATHAM, BENJAMIN,

MINISTER of the gospel at Eastbourne, Sussex, where for twelve years, in connexion with the other trustees of the chapel, he had been the means of greatly extending the cause of God and truth. He was much gifted in the work of the ministry, rightly dividing the word of truth with power in the Holy Ghost, and with much acceptance to the Lord's people, and in the conversion of poor sinners. On Lord's-day, March 25, he preached from the text, "the Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation;" and on the night of the Tuesday following, was suddenly called to be for ever with the Lord. He expired without uttering a word, March 27, 1866, in the 44th year of his age.

TAYLOR, DAN.

THIS eminent Baptist minister was for more than twenty-two years pastor of the church assembling in Church Lane, Whitechapel, London, and joint pastor with the Rev. J. Brittain, eleven years previously. His labours both in preaching and writing were very extensive. From the time of his preaching his *first* sermon at a village near

Halifax, Yorkshire, till the period of his death, was upwards of fifty-five years. His death was very sudden; while reading after tea he fell back in his chair, and immediately expired, on November 26, 1816, in the 78th year of his age. He was interred in Bunhill Fields; Mr. J. Kellow, of Bethnal Green, officiating.

TAYLOR, THOMAS,

BAPTIST minister, Whitney, Oxon, was born at Houghton, Gloucestershire, February 2, 1759. He was a pupil of the excellent John Ryland of Northampton. After his call to the ministry he preached in various places, till, in 1793, his steps were directed to Shipston-on-Stow, where he was ordained to the pastoral office over the church there. In the year 1801 he was removed to Whitney, and continued pastor over the church there for twelve years. After his resignation at Whitney he continued to reside there till his death, preaching in many places with tokens of the Divine blessing, which will only be fully known in the last great day. His departure was sudden, for on September 27, 1826, at the age of 67, he was called to give an account of his stewardship.

THOMAS, TIMOTHY,

FORTY-FOUR years the beloved pastor of the Baptist church meeting in Devonshire Square,

London. He was born at Leominster, in Herefordshire, in the year 1753, and was brought savingly to know the truth in early life. In September, 1781, he was ordained as the chosen pastor over the church in Devonshire Square, where he enjoyed a large measure of peace and prosperity, to the end of his days. In his departing moments he said, "I go to the 10th of Hebrews, 'Now where remission of these is—there is no more offering for sin'—there my anchor lies." He died in faith and hope of the gospel, July 5, 1824, without any struggle or groan, in the 74th year of his age, and 47th of his ministry.

THOMPSON, RALPH,

Was born at Helmsley, in Yorkshire, 1769. He was an able minister of the gospel in Lady Huntingdon's connection, and afterwards at Guyhern, Cambridgeshire. Here he laboured for a series of years. But the Master was pleased to remove him early from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, on the 1st day of September, 1806, in the 37th year of his age. He obtained the name of "The Walking Concordance."

THOMPSON, JOHN,

Many years the honoured pastor of the Baptist church, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. In labours abundant, and in the face of much opposition, he was

favoured to see the church greatly increase. Owing to the blessing of God on his extensive village labours, he became the instrument of planting several other churches in the county. During a period of more than twenty-eight years, his labours were prosecuted with untiring zeal, and crowned with large success, until the first Sabbath in October, 1826, when his service on earth terminated at the table of the Lord. On that day his people saw his face and heard his voice for the *last time!* He peacefully slept in Jesus on the 9th day of October, 1826, aged 72 years.

THORPE, WILLIAM,

An eminent minister of the gospel, and for more than forty years the able and valued pastor of the church of Christ at Castle Green Chapel, Bristol. He was for many years one of the choice annual supplies at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Chapel, London. When drawing near his end, he said, "I have been forty-six years a preacher of the gospel—I have travelled some thousands of miles a year—I have preached for many public institutions—I have met old friends, all buoyancy, energy, and health—and *now* what am I? How feeble!—how incompetent!" He then added, with a manner no description can give, "'Verily, verily I say unto thee, when thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest.' But it's

not so *now*—no, no!—'When thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.' Ah! this is humiliating—and it's well! it's well!" A few minutes before his departure, he said, "Hope!" Mrs. Thorpe added, "As an anchor of the soul, sure," &c. He replied, "Yes, yes!" and death, like the angel of God, gently touched him—the fetters of mortality burst asunder, and his ransomed spirit was conducted "through the gates to the city"—

"The New Jerusalem above!"

TILLEY, THOMAS,

A GOOD minister of Christ's gospel, as pastor of the Baptist church, Fortor, near Gosport, Hants, where for forty years he preached the whole counsel of God, and exchanged earth for heaven on the 15th of August, 1848.

TIPPETTS, JOHN,

OF Gravesend, Kent. This man of God was born at Gloucester, October 29th, 1795. Brought early to know and serve the Lord, he was ordained to the ministry at Lynn, Norfolk, and in 1828 removed to Gravesend, where for thirty years he fully preached the gospel of Christ. Throughout his ministry he showed a strong attachment to the rich, racy, and vigorous writings of the good old Puritan school. He was sum-

moned to his rest on the 3rd of October, 1856, aged 61 years.

TOWERS, JOHN.

THIS excellent servant of the Most High God was born in Southwark, in 1747. Early in life he entered the sea service, but left it after two or three voyages. He afterwards became a subject of divine grace, and soon discovered a serious regard for the study of the Holy Scriptures. His godly character and acquirements attracted the attention of many who were members of the church in Jewin Street. Having lost their valuable pastor, Mr. Joseph Hart, the well-known poet, by death, those persons withdrew, and invited Mr. Towers to preach to them; and afterwards he became their pastor, and was ordained over them at the meeting-house, Bartholomew Close, in the year 1769. His youth and eloquence drew vast numbers to hear him, and he soon had a large congregation. After labouring for fifteen years at Bartholomew Close, a new chapel was erected for him in Barbican, to which place he and his people removed, in the year 1784. Here for twenty years he continued the faithful, vigilant pastor, and till he was called home to receive his reward, at the age of 57 years, 9th July, 1804.

TOWNSEND, JOHN.

THIS justly celebrated Christian pastor was founder of the asylum for the deaf and dumb,

and of the Congregational School. He was born on the 24th of March, 1757, educated at Christ's Hospital, the Blue-coat School, Newgate Street, and commenced his stated ministry in Jamaica Row Chapel, Bermondsey, London, where, for many years, his labours were eminently owned of God to many precious souls. He finished his work and entered his eternal rest full of days and honours, February, 7th, 1826.

"The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

TRIGGS, ARTHUR,

MINISTER of the gospel successively at Trinity Chapel, Plymouth, Zion Chapel, Waterloo Road, and Gower Street Chapel, London, was born at Kingston, Devon, on the 23rd of April, 1787. He laboured for many years in the vineyard, and was extensively useful in the comfort and establishment of numbers who flocked to hear him. His last illness was instructive to many; he said, to his family present: "The Lord give you peace in believing. The Lord bless you all. The Lord will provide." At another time: "If any friends ask about me, tell them it is sweet to die in Jesus. Oh, I am longing to be with Him. He is my Redeemer." His wife asked if he had not a blessing for her? He answered, "He will be a Father to the fatherless, and a Husband to the widow." His last utterance was: "Come, Lord Jesus!" And his spirit sweetly passed away to

the bosom of everlasting love, in the year of our Lord, 1859, aged 72 years.

TRIMMING, JOHN,

A VENERABLE minister of Christ, who, for more than thirty years, was the faithful, diligent pastor of the Baptist church, Irthlingborough, and where, through his instrumentality, many were turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. After a brief illness, this devoted servant was removed from his long and faithful labours, and entered his heavenly rest on the 16th of March, 1862, in the 82nd year of his age.

UPTON, JAMES, SENIOR,

OF Church Street, Blackfriars. This excellent and faithful servant of Jesus Christ was born at Tunbridge Wells, on the 15th of September, 1760. He afterwards removed to Waltham Abbey, where he made a public profession of his faith in Christ, and on February 20th, 1785, preached his *first* sermon at Waltham, from the words: "But by the grace of God, I am what I am." In the year 1786 he became pastor over the Baptist church in Church Street, Blackfriars. Here, with diligence and faithfulness he laboured for the long period of forty-eight years. He was much esteemed, not only in the circle with which he was connected, but throughout many of the

churches. Many years ago he published several useful little works. One was: "Letters to a Friend on the Socinian Heresy." Having faithfully served his generation according to the will of God, he fell on sleep and was gathered to his fathers, on the 22nd of September, 1834, aged 74 years.

UPTON, JAMES, JUNIOR,

FORMERLY and for more than twenty years the useful and beloved pastor of the Baptist church at Cotton Street, Poplar. He was the eldest son and last surviving member of the family of the above James Upton of London. To those who knew this useful minister of Christ in the days of his active service, his history is distinguished by its mysterious sadness. Like the Christian poet Cowper, a deep, religious melancholy gradually crept over him, and through the long period of *twenty-four years*, which elapsed since he relinquished his labours, he never knew a break in the dark cloud of gloom, which, to his own thoughts, shut out from him "the light of God's countenance." His former useful ministry, his amiable temper, with his mysterious malady, made him tenderly loved by many who knew him. As his end approached, hopes were entertained that his last testimony might be cheering after so many dark and gloomy years. It *was* so, though not *in words*, for when the power of

speech had left him, his lips were observed moving, and though no sound was heard, the settled look of almost hopeless sadness, which had been stereotyped on his countenance, disappeared, being succeeded by a look of calm and holy peace, which his face had not worn for years. And so he passed away, we doubt not, out of darkness into the "inheritance of the saints in light," on the 24th of April, 1867, at the advanced age of 79 years.

"Thy ways, O Lord, with wise design
Are framed upon Thy throne above,
And every dark and bending line
Meets in the centre of Thy love.

"With feeble light and half obscure,
Poor mortals Thy arrangements view:
Not knowing that the least are sure,
And the mysterious just and true.

"My favoured soul shall meekly learn
To lay her reason at Thy throne,
Too weak Thy secrets to discern,
I'll trust Thee for my guide alone."

VENN, JOHN, M.A.

THIS truly devout and evangelical minister of the gospel was rector of Clapham, Surrey, and was the well-known author of "The *New* Whole Duty of Man," written to expose and refute the pernicious sentiments of a celebrated work called "The Whole Duty of Man." Mr. Venn was one

of Lady Huntingdon's favourite preachers, and the friend of the venerable Rowland Hill. He was a great sufferer in his last illness, but was divinely sustained, and expressed the grateful feelings of his soul with his latest breath in these joyous strains:—

> "I'll praise my Saviour while I've breath—
> And when my voice is lost in death
> Praise shall employ my noblest powers
> While immortality endures!"

He finished his course and received his crown, on the 1st day of July, 1813, aged 54 years.

VINCENT, JOHN,

AN excellent minister of Jesus Christ, and forty-three years pastor of the Independent church and congregation at Deal, Kent. Like the venerable Dr. Chalmers, he retired to rest in his usual health, but ere the morning broke, as the Sabbath began to dawn, his Master called to him "Come up higher!" and straightway his ransomed spirit obeyed the summons, and hasted away from earth to join the blood-washed throng, who serve the ever blessed Three in One in His temple, and go no more out for ever. This solemn event took place early on the morning of Lord's-day, February 19, 1848.

WAITE, J. J.,

For some years pastor of the Independent church, Ilminster, Somerset, was born at Gloucester, on the 23rd of February, 1808. Overwork in his thirst after knowledge, impaired his eyesight, which he entirely lost at seventeen years of age. After a useful life spent in the service of Christ, he was called to rest; in his last hours he said to his wife, "I die resting on Christ alone," and whispering, "When thou passest through the waters, I will"—before he could finish the sentence, the angel of death had arrived and introduced him to the happy songsters above. Mr. Waite was the popular lecturer on Congregational Psalmody in Sunday Schools and elsewhere. His great work, "The Hallelujah," occupies a high position in our churches. He died in 1868, aged 60 years.

WAKE, THOMAS W.,

Of Markgate Street, Herts, was the son of Mr. Thomas Wake, for many years pastor at the Lake Street Chapel, Leighton Buzzard. Mr. Wake began his ministry at Kislingbury, Northampton, in 1826; he remained there twelve years, and then removed to Lewes, and soon after to Markgate Street, where he remained till his death. His abilities were of a high order, and his ministrations were welcomed in many places. With

great knowledge of Scripture, he combined a rich imagination and ready utterance. Mr. Wake preached the gospel in all its fulness, and clearness, and simplicity; he was a man of sterling truth and blameless life, and his death was sorely felt by the church and congregation. His last words were, "My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." He peacefully slept in Jesus, November 16, 1868, aged 68 years.

WALLIS, JOSEPH,

BAPTIST minister, Bexley Heath, Kent, was born near Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, September 28, 1782. He preached for a considerable time at Shoreditch and Paddington, in London; afterwards in Suffolk, Bedfordshire, and Hunts, where in Needingworth he held the pastoral office for six years, and finally removed to Bexley Heath in 1848, when he succeeded the writer as pastor over the church and congregation there, and where, for eighteen years, he faithfully and affectionately laboured in the gospel, till age and infirmities laid him aside. He departed this life in faith and hope of a glorious resurrection to immortal life, in the month of October 1866, aged 85 years.

WARBURTON, JOHN.

THIS well-known servant of the Lord was for

some years minister of Hope Chapel, Rochdale, and afterwards pastor of the Baptist church at Zion Chapel, Trowbridge, Wilts, where for forty-two years he faithfully and successfully dispensed the word of life. He was likewise for many years one of the annual supplies at Eden Street and Gower Street Chapels, London, where his ministry was much sought after and listened to by many with breathless attention. He was one of the unpolished shafts in God's quiver—an illustration of the truth, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God." Many have had a message from God to their souls through him. In life he felt the power of religion, and in death its preciousness was sweetly realised. The great Master favoured his aged servant with a glorious and triumphant departure. His illness was long, and attended with much suffering, but "Patience had its perfect work" in him, he was enabled to bear a glorious testimony to the lovingkindness and faithfulness of Jehovah; when, in the swellings of Jordan, he appeared anxious to speak, a daughter put her ear close to his mouth, and he whispered, "pen, ink." When these articles were supplied, he was unable to use them, she asked, "Father, is it anything about the church you want us to know?" He shook his head, and said, "No." Another inquired, "Is it to tell how good the Lord is to you in your last moments?" He lifted up both hands, and waving them, said,

"Yes, yes!" then lifting up his hand and pointing with his finger, laboured to articulate something; at last he said "Hal, hal!" then with a firm voice, "Hallelujah!" and immediately breathed out his soul, full of years, and in a ripe old age, April 2, 1857.

WARDLAW, RALPH, D.D.,

FOR a great many years the popular and highly-esteemed pastor of the Independent church, Glasgow, in Scotland. His loss was severely felt by the churches, especially in the denomination of which he was so bright an ornament. But it is matter of rejoicing that he left behind a rich legacy of godliness and learning in the numerous works of which he was the author, and which is regarded as a valuable addition to our Non-conformist literature. Dr. Wardlaw departed this life at the good old age of 74, on the 17th of December, 1853.

WARD, WILLIAM,

THE eminent Baptist Missionary of Serampore, and one of the famous Dr. Carey's most valuable colleagues there. In the translation of the Scriptures he was a profound scholar, a good minister of Jesus Christ, and an instructive author of many valuable works. He died of cholera morbus, at Serampore in the East Indies, March 7, 1823.

WAUGH, ALEXANDER, D.D.

THIS venerable and universally beloved minister of the gospel was for upwards of forty-five years the distinguished pastor of the Scots' church in Wells Street, Oxford Street, London. He finished his bright and useful career on the 14th day of December, 1827, in the 74th year of his age. His mortal remains were deposited, till the archangel's trump shall sound, in the family vault, Bunhill Fields—Rowland Hill, Edward Irving, Dr. Winter, and others, officiating.

WEBB, SAMUEL,

For nearly half a century a good minister of Jesus Christ. He was born at Pitsey, in Essex, 1776. Soon after he was brought to know the truth, he "assayed to join himself to the disciples," and was baptized by the venerable Mr. Pilkington, of Rayleigh, by whom he was encouraged to commence preaching. In 1811 he became pastor of the church at Wattisham, in Suffolk, but resigned the charge two or three years after, and preached at a village near Needham Market. In 1826 he removed to Langley, in Essex, where he continued for several years. In October, 1843, he went to reside at his son's, Mr. James Webb, pastor of the Baptist church, Stoke Green, Ipswich, where, after an illness of two months, he yielded up his spirit into the hands of his Saviour God, 18th January, 1844.

WESTON, JAMES,

MORE than twenty-three years the valuable pastor of the Independent church at Sherbourne, Dorsetshire. He was born in the year 1766, and spent his days in the service of the best of Masters. "Let us follow the Lamb whithersoever he leads!" were his dying words. And so he entered into rest, May 27th, 1823, aged 57 years.

WHEELER, F.,

WAS forty years the diligent pastor of the Baptist church at Moulton, Northamptonshire, the *first* pulpit occupied by the eminent Dr. Carey. Mr. Wheeler, after faithfully serving the church of Christ, was seized with paralytic stroke, and departed, to be with Christ, on the 21st September, 1853.

WHITBRIDGE, JOHN,

THIRTY-FIVE years the beloved pastor of the Congregational church at Oswestry, Shropshire. After giving full proof of his ministry he was called away suddenly to his everlasting reward, on the 11th of October, 1826, in the 67th year of his age.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

WHITE, THOMAS,

THE founder, and for *fifty* years the able pastor, of the church of Christ at Huttoft, in the county

of Lincoln. He was a man of considerable knowledge of the original language of the Scriptures, and a disinterested labourer in the vineyard of Christ. He died in peace and hope, in the 82nd year of his age, November 28th, 1811.

WILKINS, BENJAMIN,

MINISTER of the Baptist church, North Bradley, Wilts. During the period of his pastoral labours here, they were eminently owned of God, and numbers were added to the church. He was very decided in the doctrines of grace, and a warm advocate for strict communion. For more than forty years he was a faithful preacher of the gospel, twenty-one of which he was the valued pastor of the church at North Bradley. Few have been favoured to meet death with less alarm; such solid peace and satisfaction did he realize in the truth he had preached, that it might be truly said of him—

> "Calmly the path of death he trod
> Into eternity."

He departed, to be with Christ, which is far better, on the 17th of February, 1859, aged 59 years.

WILKINSON, WATTS, A.B.,

FORMERLY chaplain to the Haberdashers' Alms Houses and Ask's Hospital, Hoxton, and for thirty-eight years the eminent Tuesday morning

lecturer at St. Bartholomew, by the Royal Exchange, London. This venerable and highly-esteemed minister of the gospel, was born in London, 14th November, 1755. His father was a Dissenter of the old school. Watts was under the influence of religion at an early age; but these feelings wore off when at school. A friend attached to the ministry of the excellent Henry Foster, of Clerkenwell, prevailed on him to attend one of his lectures at St. Antholin's Church, though at that time his prejudices to the church were so strong, that he said he "*felt as if afraid lest the steeple should fall upon him!*" But to that evening, September 11th, 1772, he frequently alluded, as one never to be forgotten by him. From that time he attended the ministry of Mr. Foster. Having experienced the power of divine grace, speaking peace to his soul, he longed, with a burning desire, to proclaim the gospel of grace to others, and entered Worcester College, Oxford, took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and was ordained to the ministry at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, February, 1779, and preached his *first* sermon that afternoon, at St. Ann's, Blackfriars. In the year 1798 he was elected to the lectureship of St. Bartholomew. This has been called the "*Golden* Lecture," from the large endowment attached to it. This lecture Mr. Wilkinson retained to the end of his days. He preached for the *last* time from the text, "Thou art my hope in the day of evil." On his return

home, he expressed his conviction that he should never preach again. His appointed work *was* done, and it was the will of God that he should now rest from his labours. In his dying moments he said, "How delightful to look back upon all the way the Lord has led me these *twice forty* years in the wilderness." And again, "When I recollect how many thousands in the course of my *long* ministry I have had to speak to, I am quite overwhelmed! I trust I have led them right; and now I desire to depart, and be with Christ.

"O let me catch one glimpse of Thee,
Then drop into eternity!"

Life was now ebbing fast away. But *one* word more was heard from him, which he repeated three times, "*Name! name! name!*" What name could that be but that which is above every name — the name of JESUS? A gentle slumber followed, and he was "Absent from the body, and present with the Lord," December 14, 1840.*

WILKS, MATTHEW.

THIS celebrated, and truly useful minister of Jesus Christ, was born at Gibraltar, on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, 1746. He was near thirty years of age before he was created anew in Christ Jesus, when old things passed away,

* Partly from Jones's "Bunhill Memorials."—ED.

and all things became new. He was afterwards educated at the college of Trevecca, in South Wales, under the patronage of the Countess of Huntingdon, and was at length ordained pastor over the churches at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Road Chapel, London, at that time the largest in the metropolis. Here, as the faithful, laborious, and beloved pastor, he continued to the end of his days—the long period of *fifty-three* years. Mr. Wilks was one of the old school of Puritan divines — sound in the faith, original, pithy, and often quaint in his observations. The life of this father of the church was protracted, and to the end a very useful one. At length, full of days, and full of faith, yet, as a humble penitent, throwing *all* at the feet of Jesus, when on his dying bed, he said—"I know — yes, I know that my Saviour is Christ! I know that He has all power! I have no concern or uneasiness." His relative, Mr. James Parsons, of York, reminded him of that scripture, "He is able to keep that which you have committed to Him." He answered, "Every bit! every bit!" He then said to all, "Lift up your hearts in prayer," and when asked "What shall we pray for?"—"Pray for! Pray in the Spirit, and then you'll be right—and mind you *walk* in the Spirit." And thus he fell asleep in Jesus, on the 29th of January, 1829, aged 83 years.

WILKS, MARK,

Was the youngest son of the celebrated Matthew Wilks, and was born at Islington on the 28th of August 1783. He was educated at Hackney, and began his ministry at Ringwood, Hants. In the year 1813 he removed to London and occupied the pastoral office over the church in New Broad Street, City. Taking a deep interest in the French Protestant churches he was led to devote all his energies to that end, and in July, 1819, Mr. Wilks settled in Paris, where, for twenty years, every Sunday, he preached to the English Dissenters, American and Scotch Presbyterians in the French Protestant church of the Oratoire. During the last years of his life he was afflicted with extreme debility and deafness, yet, with a full emphasis and uplifted hands, he uttered with his last breath: "Is this heaven! heaven! heaven?" and on the 27th of April, 1855, went through the gates into the city, in the 72nd year of his age.

WILKS, WASHINGTON,

Son of Mark Wilks, Baptist minister of Norwich, and nephew of Matthew Wilks. The Lord blessed the word to his soul under the ministry of Timothy East, of Birmingham, while supplying at the Tabernacle, Moorfields. He entered early into the ministry, and in the year 1824 became pastor of the Baptist church at

Braintree, Essex, and afterwards took the oversight of the church in Alie Street, Goodman's Fields, London, where, after labouring for some years, he was very suddenly removed by the messenger Death. He had preached on the Lord's-day in his usual health, and on the following Tuesday, June 13th, 1832, was called away, aged 38 years.

WILLIAMS, GRIFFITH,

Of Gate Street Chapel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. This excellent minister was born on the 29th of March, 1755, near Carmarthen, South Wales. He was admitted a student at the Countess of Huntingdon's College, Trevecca, in 1788, with the intention of becoming a clergyman in the established church; this was afterwards abandoned from conscientious scruples. When his term at College was nearly out, at the request of Lady Huntingdon, he went to London and preached in Mulberry Gardens' Chapel. His ministry being universally approved, he was prevailed on to accept the pastoral oversight of the church there, and was ordained in 1784. But after a ministry of seven years, he left, and in 1790, entered upon his ministry in Gate Street Chapel. Here, for thirty-six years, he faithfully and diligently made full proof of his ministry; multitudes have reason to acknowledge him as their spiritual father, counsellor and friend. The

last Sabbath he spent on earth he preached twice from the words, "Behold he prayeth!" They were strictly applicable to himself, expressive of the gracious habit of his soul. A few days after the Master said: "My servant, come higher!" And his redeemed spirit took its flight to realms of everlasting day, July 1st, 1826, in the 72nd year of his age, and the 46th of his ministry.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

WILLIAMS, JOHN,

BAPTIST MINISTER, New York, U. S., was great grandson of the famous Roger Williams of America; was called to the ministry at twenty-five years of age; a man of strong understanding and fear of the Lord; he left a numerous offspring, including many descendants of the *fifth* generation. He departed this life full of years, at the patriarchal age of *one hundred years and seven months!** in the year of our Lord, 1842.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM,

WAS born at Holyhead, in the Isle of Anglesea, North Wales. He was brought to know the Lord in early youth, and being removed to London, was baptized and united with the church at Blandford Street Chapel under the pastoral

* The oldest minister *we* have found on record.

care of John Keeble. Soon afterwards Mr. Williams was called to preach the gospel, and having laboured at various places for a time, was at length ordained pastor over the Baptist church at Grafton Street Chapel, Soho. Here he laboured for thirty-five years, acquiring considerable popularity. His preaching was not polished, but was distinguished by energy, boldness, and originality. The Lord greatly blessed his labours to many. After passing through many scenes of trying afflictions, the God whom he served took him home to the enjoyment of that rest which remaineth for the people of God, January 27, 1847, in the 74th year of his age, and 38th of his ministry.

WILLS, ALEXANDER,

PASTOR of the Baptist church at Ashley, Hants. He was called at an early age by Divine grace, and maintained an upright consistent course for *sixty* years. His end was peace, November 2nd, 1848, in the 81st year of his age.

WILSON, THOMAS,

PERPETUAL curate of Slaighwaite Chapel, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, where for thirty-two years he preached the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Having fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith, he received the crown of life, July 2, 1809, aged 64 years.

WILSON, JOSIAS,

For some years the able and zealous minister of the Presbyterian church, River Terrace, Islington, London. He was a good man, and feared God above many. He was removed from earth to heaven on the 13th of April, 1847, at the age of 47 years.

WINTER, JOHN,

Of Newbury, Berks. This venerable and excellent minister, uncle of Dr. Winter, of London, was for thirty-nine years the faithful and beloved pastor of the Congregational church at Newbury. It may be said truly that he lived respected and died lamented, January 25, 1823, in the 75th year of his age.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

WINTER, ROBERT, D.D.,

An eminent minister of the Independent chapel, New Court, Carey Street, London. He says of himself, "I was born March 25, 1762, in Brewer Street, Golden Square, and was favoured with the rich blessing of parental instruction in the things of God, which became the power of God to my salvation. In 1778 I entered Homer-[illegible]ollege, and on the 10th of December, 1783, [illegible]lained to the pastoral office. In 1803 I

became the minister of a church at Newport, Isle of Wight, and in 1806 accepted an encouraging invitation from the church at New Court, with which some of my relatives had been connected for more than a century, at which my grandfather, Thomas Bradbury, and my uncle Richard Winter, had been the pastors seventy-one years. In the bosom of which I was brought up from my childhood, and of which I became a member in the seventeenth year of my life."

In this honourable station he continued with eminent fidelity and usefulness to the end of his days, and at length slept with his fathers, after a ministry of fifty years, during twenty-seven of which he presided over the church at New Court. When life was ebbing fast, Mrs. Winter said to him, "We know where to put our trust." He answered with marked emphasis, "*I know*," and in a few minutes the vital spark had fled, August 9, 1833, in the 72nd year of his age.

WINTERBOTTOM, WILLIAM,

For twenty-five years the valuable pastor of the Baptist church, Shortwood, Gloucestershire. His devoted attachment to the principles of civil and religious liberty, subjected him to an iniquitous prosecution, and four years of the prime of his life were passed in Newgate. As a Christian minister he was powerful, faithful, and successful; during his ministry at Shortwood, five hundred and forty-two persons were baptized and added

to the church. He died in the Lord, on March 31, 1829, aged 65 years.

YOCKNEY, JOHN,

BORN in London, January 4, 1790. He was for thirty years pastor of the Independent church and congregation meeting at Lower Road Chapel, Islington, London; and finished his earthly career on June 7, 1852, aged 62 years. His remains are interred in Abney Park Cemetery, where they await the resurrection of the just.

YOUNG, GEORGE, D.D.,

FOR a long period the beloved and talented pastor of the Presbyterian church at Whitby, Yorkshire. He was the author of the "History of Whitby," and many other works. He was summoned to his heavenly rest, May 18, 1848. Dr. Young was uncle to John Young, the well known minister of Albion Chapel, London.

YOUNG, WILLIAM,

PASTOR of the Baptist church, Alfred Place Chapel, Old Kent Road, London, where for the space of forty-five years, he faithfully and affectionately dispensed the word of life; he was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He withdrew from the pastorate when infirmities

and failing health attended him, but did not long survive his resignation. He departed in full and blessed hope of a resurrection to eternal life, May 12, 1867, in the 78th year of his age.

THE END.

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